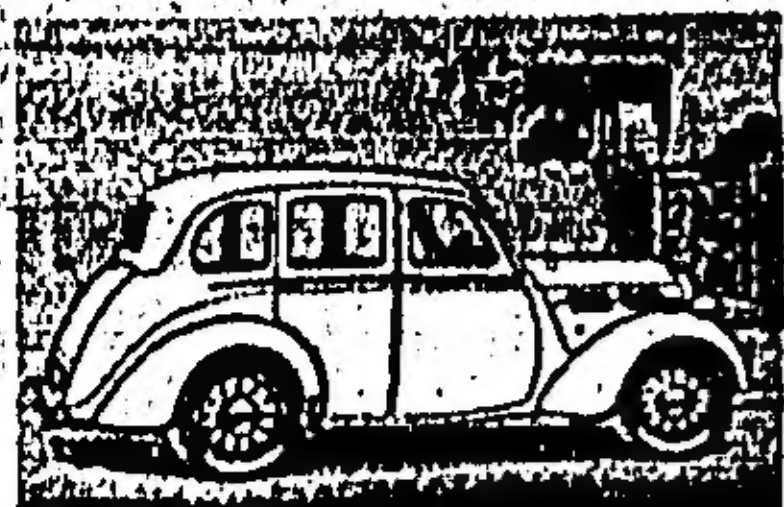


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WHITEAWAY'S

ON TO BENGHAZI: GEN. WAVELL CONTINUES OFFENSIVE IN LIBYA

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Jan. 29 (UP).—MILITARY EXPERTS HERE DECLARE THAT GENERAL WAVELL IS PRESSING ON TO BENGHAZI AS FAST AS POSSIBLE AND THAT HIS FORCES HAD ALREADY SURROUNDED MEKELLE WHERE THEY ENCOUNTERED A MUCH LARGER FORCE THAN ANTICIPATED, INCLUDING BETWEEN 70 AND 80 TANKS.

THE SAME EXPERTS COMMENTED: "GENERAL WAVELL IS MARCHING ON BENGHAZI AS FAST AS HE CAN, KNOWING THAT ANY TIME NOW HE MAY ENCOUNTER OPPOSITION FROM THE GERMAN AIR FORCE."

ROAD JUNCTION COVERED

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—It is learned in authoritative circles that the Army of the Nile has now surrounded the important road junction of Mekelle south of Derna.

There is reason to believe that Italian troops cut off here comprise the remnants of the two divisions which retired from Sidi Barrani as well as a certain number of tanks and armoured vehicles.

The British advance is being facilitated by our possession of Tobruk as an advance base. There is a good supply of water at Tobruk and there are also large quantities of petrol that the Italians had not the time to destroy.

President's Powers Limited

Lease & Lend Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Three important amendments limiting the President's powers under the Lease and Lend Bill are reported to have been voted by the House Foreign Affairs Committee sitting behind closed doors.

The amendments are believed to be as follows:
(1) To fix the expiration date as June 30, 1943.
(2) To require President Roosevelt to consult Army and Navy chiefs before transferring military equipment.
(3) To require periodic reports to Congress on the Lease and Lend operations.

British West Indies

Leasing Of Bases
NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The Governor of Trinidad (Sir Hubert Young) and the Governor of the Leeward Islands (Sir Gordon Lethem), accompanied by Sir Lennon O'Reilly of Trinidad, took off for Lisbon in the Clipper today en route to London to participate in talks connected with the leasing of air and naval bases in the British West Indies to the United States.

Talking to journalists, all three emphasised the importance of "hemisphere defence" for the security of the nations of the Americas.

New Italian Bombers In Duel With R.A.F.

ATHENS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—A British fighter patrol has just fought an engagement with a formation of Italy's latest bombers over the southern Albanian front, one enemy bomber being shot down in flames.

The British patrol suffered no loss. The headquarters of the R.A.F. in Greece states, "A formation of our fighter aircraft on an offensive patrol in southern Albania yesterday encountered a number of enemy bombers—Cantata 107 and Breda 20 types. Our aircraft at once attacked and shot down one enemy bomber in flames while several others were damaged."

"The enemy formation was broken up successfully and deflected from its target. All our aircraft returned safely."

"The Cantata 107 is one of Italy's latest bombers. Its range is reputed to be 3,000 miles. A three-engined machine, it has a top speed of 230 miles per hour."

"The Breda 20 is not listed here but it very likely is the new Breda 'Picchiatelli' dive-bomber with which the Italian air force hoped to emulate the deeds of the German Junkers 87 dive-bomber. Its speed is 250 miles per hour and its bomb-carrying capacity is 2,200 pounds, similar to the Nazi aircraft."

THE KING SETS AN EXAMPLE

This happy picture of His Majesty the King illustrates the magnificent example which he is setting to the nation in these perilous and nerve-racking times. When the picture was taken His Majesty had just received the T.U.C. gold medal from Mr. George Gibson, chairman of the Trades Union Congress.



19 Delegates Open Indo-China Armistice Talks Without Result

Special to the "Telegraph"

SAIGON, Jan. 29 (UP).—It is officially announced that seven Japanese, six French and six Thailand delegates conferred for 30 minutes to-day beginning at 6 p.m. aboard the Japanese cruiser Natori, using the Japanese language through translators.

However, nothing was accomplished although the conclusion of the armistice talks is expected on Thursday.

While the negotiations were going on, Japanese planes from a Japanese aircraft-carrier attached to the squadron cruising off Cape Saint Jacques could be seen flying around and a French official said that the French had permitted the Japanese to carry out training flights.

He made no statement when questioned regarding the reports that the Japanese had asked for permission to fortify Camranh Bay and to use the airfield at Saigon.

M. George Gautier, leader of the French delegation said that the French troops along the border had not fired a single shot since 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Fighting Persists
TOKYO, Jan. 29 (Domel).—Fighting between French and Thai troops is still continuing despite yesterday's orders to cease firing, reports Sennosuke Kido, "Domel" staff correspondent at Bangkok, by radio-telephone this morning.

The correspondent said that although it was not known which side started, both forces commenced fighting at 10.15 on the morning of January 28 and a fierce battle continued for four hours. The Thai troops which were encircling Sisophon were gaining the upper hand, the correspondent said.

At the armistice conference, Thailand is expected to press for the demands made on September 15, last year, that France return the former Thai islands on the Mekong River and the territory along the eastern bank of the Mekong River between Luang Prabang and Pakse.

Although the return of the Cambodian area is also desired by Thailand, it is not expected that this will be pressed immediately.

Women Demonstrate Before Mr Willkie

Food Coupon Protest

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Jan. 29 (UP).—Sixty women, carrying banners and protesting against the Government's food policy, demonstrated in the lobby of the Savoy Hotel just before the arrival of Mr Wendell Willkie for luncheon.

The women chanted, "More food for workers." Mr Willkie passed the demonstrators with hardly a sideways glance. They were finally ejected, some of them bodily.

Full Value from U.S.A. Securities

Treasury Statement

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The forthcoming visit of Sir Edward Peacock to America to examine the possibilities of investments, such as businesses in the United States, is announced in a Treasury statement.

The statement says: "In the light of the material already shipped and contemplated by the United States, it may now be freely published that His Majesty's Government have realised and disposed of a very great proportion of their gold holdings and are steadily selling American securities owned by their nationals at every opportunity."

More Difficult Problem

"A more difficult problem is presented by investments such as businesses in the United States and United States companies controlled by companies in this country, whose shares are not quoted on the Stock Exchange."

"His Majesty's Government are resolved to make the best possible use of these investments and they have decided to ask Sir Edward Peacock, who has great experience in such matters, to go to the United States and examine the possibilities on the spot. He will reach America very shortly."

Pension For Gen. Hertzog

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The ex-Premier, General Hertzog, who recently resigned from Parliament will receive an annual pension of £2,000 under a special bill introduced into Parliament amid cheers from all parts of the House.

General Hertzog who is the first Union Premier to receive a pension, had an unbroken spell of over thirty years of Parliamentary life beginning with the birth of the Union.

Japanese Bombs Wound Consul

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HANOI, Jan. 29 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Japanese planes from an Indo-China base last Tuesday bombed Lungchow on the Kwangsi border near caused damage to the French Mission Consulate which was flying French flags, wounding the new French Consul, M. J. Camely and a French priest, both of whom had to be sent to hospital at Langson.

LATEST

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Further Late News

Calling Up More Men For Military Service

Special to the "Telegraph"

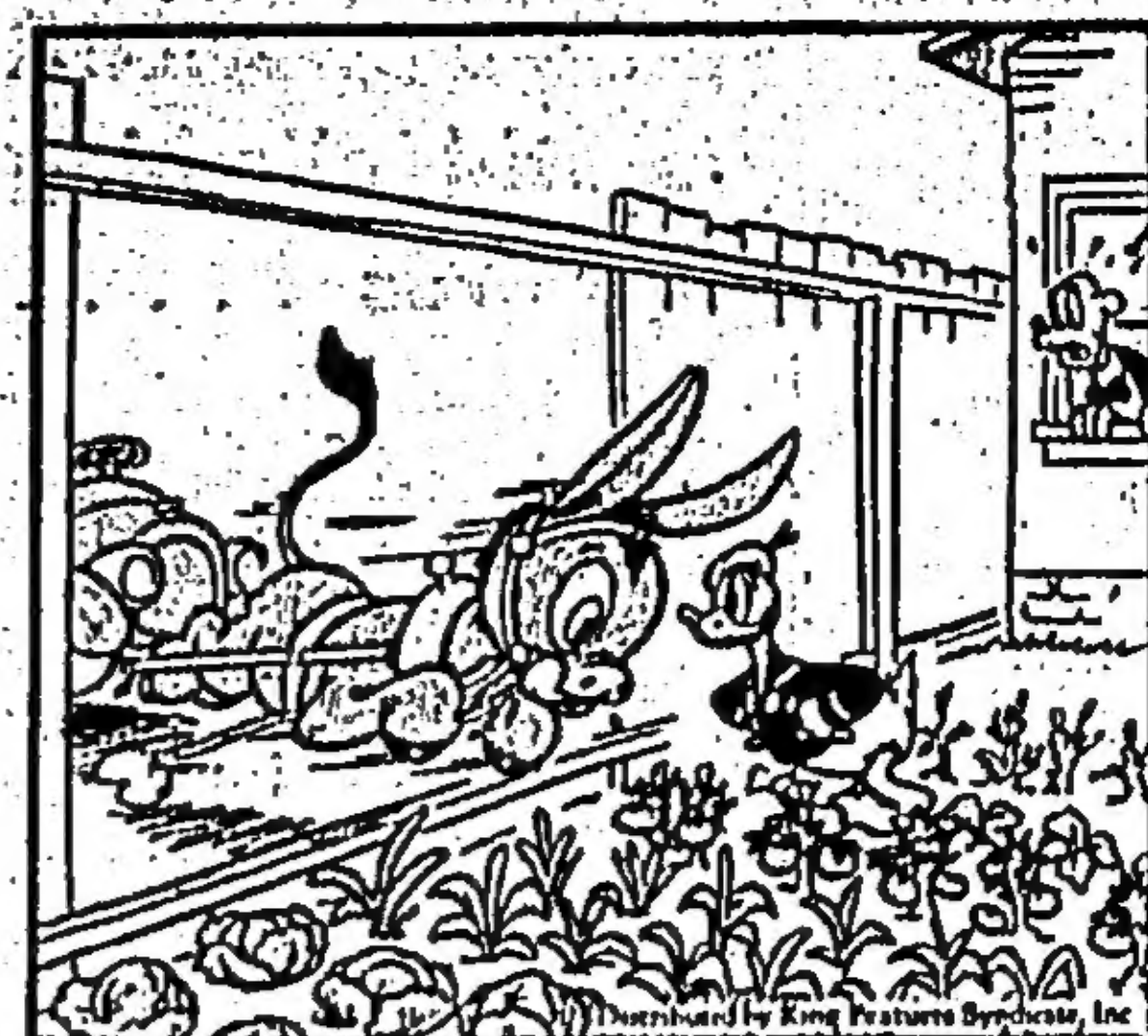
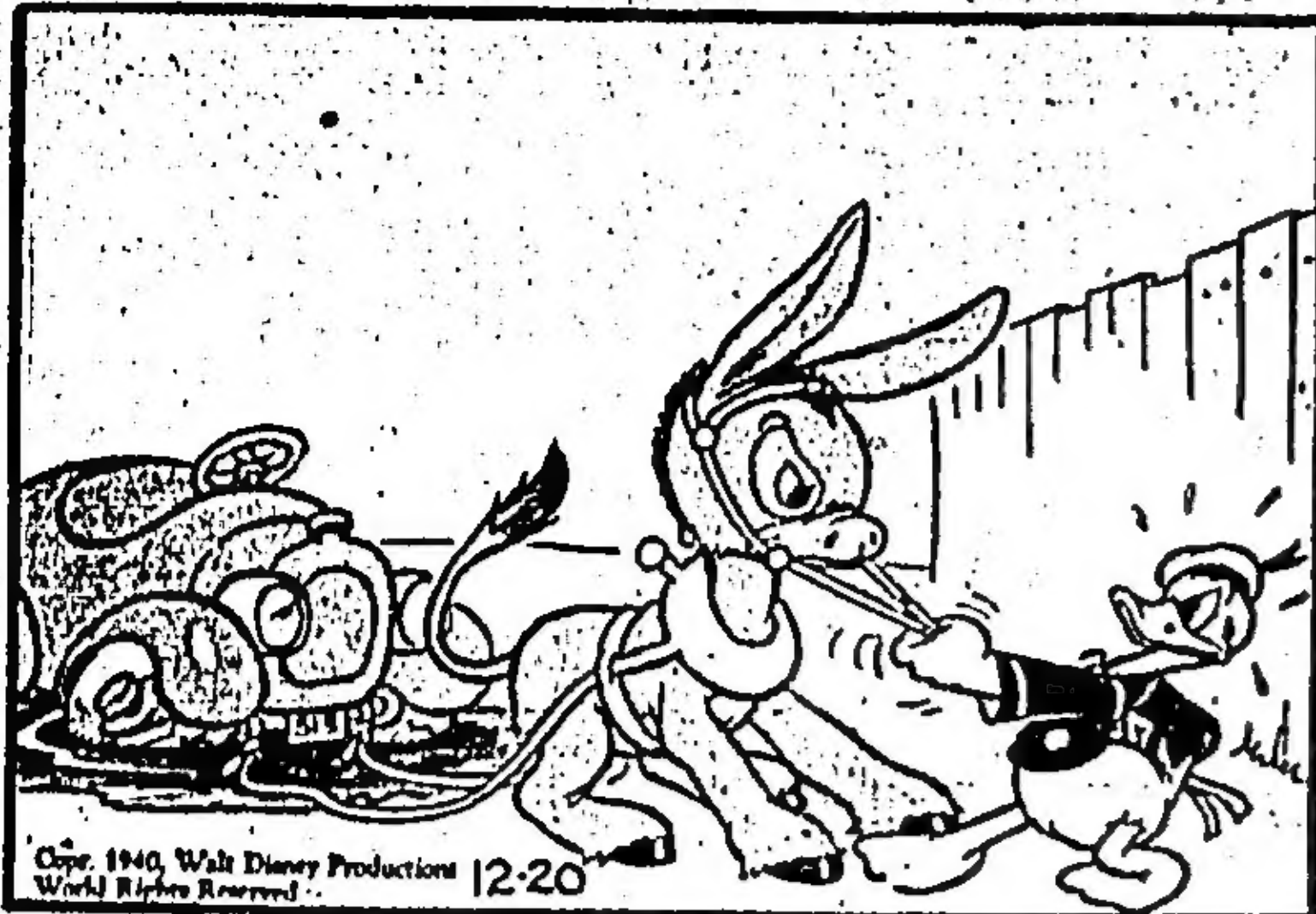
LONDON, Jan. 29 (UP).—His Majesty King George at the Privy Council in Buckingham Palace to-day signed a proclamation in which men of 18 and 19 years of age and between 37 and 40 inclusive will become liable to military service.

The first register will be for those of 19 years of age which will open on February 2.

The Ministry of Labour states that consideration is being given to the exemption of all medical and dental students. University students are already subject to exemption upon entering a university.

The Ministry said that the schedule of reserved occupations was being amended, exemption depending to an increasing extent upon actual work rather than age and occupation. Authoritative circles believe that eventually no man will be permitted to do any work a woman can do.

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SOCIAL SECURITY IS WAR AIM

Labour Minister Speaks Out

"I AM sometimes asked 'What are your war aims?' My war aims are summed up in the phrase: The motive of our life should be social security."

This declaration was made by Mr Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, at a Rotary Club luncheon in London.

"I think the time has come when we should not be led into the mistakes we made in the last war of merely indulging in high flown platitudes about homes for heroes and things of that kind simply to stimulate the people," he said.

"Now is the time when thoughtful people ought to be considering the real social implications of the war. After the last war there was a failure to recognise that it was largely, as indeed this one is, a great civil war, which must determine whether we are to be ruled from the top or must have government responsible to the people.

"The last 20 years has demonstrated that security cannot be attained by arms. It can only be attained by the enthronement of power with the people.

"Immediately power is taken from the people and given to a ruler at the top or a military oligarchy then security vanishes.

Back To Disorder

"Unemployment has been the devil that has driven masses in large areas of the world to dictators. You cannot have social security on the basis of the present economic order.

"We have been taught that the only motive for energy, production and enterprise is profit.

"If profit can be the only motive the natural corollary is economic disorder, and that will bring you back to the same position as you are in now, ever recurring.

"I want to give you the new motive for industry and for life.

"I suggest that at the end of this war, and indeed during the war, we accept social security as the main motive of all our national life.

To Benefit All

"That does not mean that all profits or surpluses would be wiped out, but it does mean that the whole of your economy, finance, organisation, science and everything, would be directed together to social security, not for a small middle class or for those who may be more possessors of property, but for the community as a whole.

The greatest social implication arising out of this war was the effort to get rid of that horrible queue outside the labour exchanges, Mr Bevin said.

"You have to stop that or stop the whole educational system. Better leave the masses untaught than give them a double appetite, both of stomach and head, then not satisfy either.

"I am afraid that at the end of this war, unless the community is seized with the importance of this, you may well slip into the most revolutionary action—though I don't mind revolutions if they are well directed.

Answer To Hitler

"What I am horrified at is a blind revolution of starving men that is uncontrolled and that ends in disaster for the whole community.

"You have got to offer a new feeling of hope, and example is better than precept.

"If this old country would begin to shape and direct it now and begin to weave it into its own economic life while the present struggle is going on, that would be the best answer to Hitler.

"I feel in my very bones that somehow things can never be as they were.

"A new age has to be built, and what greater contribution can we pay to those who are suffering at the moment than to say that this time it is really not in vain?"

FREE MEN can Always Beat SLAVES

WHAT sort of war is this? After more than a year's fighting we might still have no answer to this question when we look at the ruins of a battered East London street and think that a glittering metal machine, marvel of all modern science, had to fly hundreds of miles to destroy a London workman's little brick house.

And, however carefully our own men aim at military targets, there must be something of this sort on the other side, too.

So is this a war of faith, or of men in machines dealing out death haphazardly to enemies they never see?

FREE MEN

Tom Winttingham, that refreshing and unorthodox writer on military subjects whom many knew as Commander of the British Battalion which helped to throw back Franco's Moors in 1936 in the "Miracle of Madrid," has written a book which would surely help the ordinary reader over his doubts.

"From a wide sweep of military history he draws the encouraging conclusion that though tyrants at the head of vast armies of drilled slave-soldiers may set up their short-lived power, they are finally always overthrown by men trained to think for themselves as individuals and inspired by love of freedom to the 'laughing, energy-infused, careless feats of courage that in time of defeat win battles.'" (Think of Dunkirk!)

PROOF

Fussy bureaucrats and military diehards may deny this. But Winttingham shows us how a handful of Greeks, reared in freedom, overcame a Persian king's millions. He shows how the Roman slave Spartacus almost overthrew the power of Rome with a force of slaves practically unarmed yet fighting for freedom.

He shows how the free, quick-thinking English yeomen routed the armoured French knights with their "doctrinaire" feudal military rules. And so to modern struggles, to Washington's "straggling gang in bad boots" who yet won a free America from professional German soldiers: to another rabble which

FAITH WILL WIN

And such power and endurance can only come if the ordinary people are inspired by faith in freedom. Winttingham shows this; the lesson of France underlines it. It is for the British Government not to lose sight of it during this long winter ahead.

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'Messages' From Sir Oliver Lodge

UNDER conditions of complete secrecy, the greatest investigation into after-life is going on at the London headquarters of the Society for Psychical Research.

Locked up in their safe is the sealed envelope, containing the "test" message left with them by Sir Oliver Lodge, famous scientist and spiritualist, before his death.

They are now receiving frequent messages from mediums who claim that they have been in touch with the dead scientist.

Their evidence is being filed unopened with the "test" message. On a date yet to be fixed the envelopes will be opened and the messages compared.

An official of the society admitted that messages, claimed to have been from Sir Oliver, had been received, but refused to comment on them.

"A special procedure aiming at giving the greatest possible value to the test is being followed out," she said. "Evidence is being assembled but it will not be made known until the 'test' message is opened.

"The date has not yet been fixed, but it will not be for a considerable time yet."

Commenting on the fact that spiritualists were claiming to have made contact with Sir Oliver Lodge, an official of the Marylebone Spiritualist Association—one of the largest in the country—said that a flood of messages purporting to be from Sir Oliver was to be expected.

ORDINARY

"Mediums are only human beings," he said, "and frequently very ordinary human beings."

"Messages which they receive they are inclined to link with things that are uppermost in their minds or with public figures like Sir Oliver."

The same thing happened after the death of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Sir Oliver himself claimed many times to have communicated with his dead wife and son Raymond—killed in the last war—and his book on this theme caused one of the greatest sensations in scientific circles.

In this book he published the "messages" he had received from his wife and son.

Of his own "test" he said before he died: "I shall try to give a message. But it might take as long as a year. I shall not get anything in a hurry."

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- Dated clay
- Prohibit
- Pushed aside
- All
- Prophet
- No good (slang)
- Announce
- Proven
- Obscure
- Anger
- In addition
- Prejudice
- Small valley
- Magazine of type
- Follows closely
- Oratorical attraction
- Monster
- Peel
- Let it stand
- Unpleasant talk
- Mineral spring
- Verbalist fellow
- Arrange
- Intend
- In quest of
- Footless
- Wild fear
- Pyrenean
- Oxygen

DOWN

- Abnormal temperature
- Arrange feathers
- Horsemen
- Blot out
- Latitudes
- Loose
- Large beetle
- Exclamation of pain
- Underneath
- Rime
- Portly
- Wine dress
- Richness
- Warble
- Colorless
- Bubble up
- Pitch
- Unpleasant deed
- Thing that rotates
- Matured
- Excuse
- Daze
- Carding machine
- Rascal
- Makes sound of dove
- Spanish title
- Acche
- White
- Labyrinth
- Consumed
- Dead container
- Concerning

LEAVING Shakespeare's Moon out of a radio adaptation of "Pyramus and Thisbe" produced a barrel of fun and lively discussion among educators at the Fourth Annual School Broadcast Conference in Chicago recently.

"Wind" had been left in. "Bottom's" voice from the radio had proclaimed:

"We present the Wind."

And Wind had howled industriously. But "Moon"—not a word was said about him. And how, demanded indignant school leaders in a discussion from the floor, could you properly tell a love story, especially this love story of Shakespeare's, without mentioning the Moon? Moonlight—why, everyone knew the world over that moonlight is associated with "love." Wasn't violence being done to Shakespeare?

"Shakespeare was kidding the stage of his day," defended Erik Barnouw of Columbia University, who wrote the script for the radio adaptation. "Pyramus and Thisbe" was a satire.

The howling of Wind, declared Mr. Barnouw, fitted perfectly the buffoonery of the other players. You couldn't put Moon's lantern

MUCH ADO ABOUT THE MOON

on the radio. How could you bring Moon in? Besides, Wind made a beautiful sound—very horrid. Moon was colourless, by comparison.

A Moon defender jumped up. "Just let Moon say his lines. That would tell listeners enough."

Moon—love. Wind? Hmmpf.

And so a vote was taken.

But after all—school administrators, superintendents, teachers have a good bit of small boy and girl in them still, as you shall see. "Wind" did make a lovely sound on the radio. He fairly made you shiver. And—in the voting "Wind" won.

The radio programme followed a stage presentation of "Pyramus and Thisbe" to show the changes needed to translate a play from the school stage to radio. "Pyramus and Thisbe" presented particularly difficult problems and for that reason Mr. Barnouw chose it. He

wanted to show what could be done.

As Shakespeare had it, you'll remember, there was concern about "Lion's" roaring and frightening the Duke's ladies. On the radio, it was said, with good-natured fun in Shakespeare's own vein:

"Will not the children be afraid of the lion? I tell you the children will not sleep after hearing it."

"Well, we'll have an announcement, and the announcement will say it is not a lion."

At the end of the play, as the Duke started to leave, Bottom implored him to wait for the epilogue, and the Duke airily replied:

"Never listen to the very end of the programme. It is certain to contain some commercial announcements."

Faithful to the letter of the intent of the author, or faithful in catching the spirit of the author's intent and translating it in terms of the radio medium—those are the two schools of thought in adapting material for the radio, said Wynn Weight of the National Broadcasting company, who directed the play.

Well—Moon or Wind? Moon and Wind? It was fun anyway. Shakespeare would have liked it.

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A WAR PROBLEM

THE wars in Europe and Asia are long affairs and before they are over the face of many things will be changed; the acceptance of facts now strange and unthinkable will have become commonplace. In Asia already the figures of the dead and wounded have climbed over the million mark since August, 1936. In Europe the corresponding figures are in their hundreds of thousands.

Both totals will grow and in their impersonal, colourless columns will be the names of people acknowledged to be great among us; the names of youngsters whose untried lives fell before the dull brutality of bombs; the names of the aged whose sky-lighted passing must be fraught with frustration that an allotted span had not exceeded the age of carnage.

In point of fact the world faces a drastic curtailment of white peoples which will be particularly pointed because of the drain on males and the accentuation of unbalance produced by the first World War. These ravages will take generations to remedy. The position in Asia will scarcely be so acute because life has always been prolific and families to which millions have succumbed have had little permanent effect; men and consanguinity has always been a means to balance a disproportionate number of females.

Although the Battle of Britain has taken a heavy toll of civilians it is a fair assumption that the manpower of all the belligerents will suffer greatest losses. Germany early saw the need of a greatly increased birth-rate and offered financial inducements to larger families. France followed suit and Italy soon took up the cry. Under the Nazi regime the financial prize was not sufficient and the Germans, almost officially, removed the halo from marriage, encouraged promiscuity among the young unmarried and bullied the lawfully wed into furnishing youngsters for the State. Japan is now looking askance at her own population and is seeking an average family of five. Britain's birth-rate was the serious concern of the Government a few years ago when attention was drawn to the decline in population but Government never took the matter to the point of intrusion into the family life.

Evacuation of masses of populations, the enforced separation of husbands and wives fighting in distant lands and the prospects of a long war give these problems a keener note. It is possible that the "test tube" baby may again make its bow on the platform of public consideration. Experiments on human beings have shown that the theory can be put into practice and remain safe. To all but exceptional people the idea is repugnant and unnatural, but we have a way of breaking down these prejudices.

China's Fortunes On The Mend

— by —

O. M. GREEN

former Editor of the "North-China Daily News," writing in "The Listener."

THE war in China has suddenly entered on an extremely interesting phase. After a spring and summer of almost complete quiescence, the Chinese have taken the offensive in several directions and have scored notable successes. At the same time, there is much to suggest that the Japanese are finding their present position in force. China too great for their strength and are desperately trying to rectify it.

Let us look back a little. In the past twelve months Fate has dealt hardly with the Chinese. Just a year ago they lost Nanning, a key-point near the border of Indo-China. This meant the loss of a valuable road by which they had drawn supplies through the French Colony. Then the Japanese pushed up the Yangtse and seized Ichang at the foot of the mountain barrier through which the Great River passes down the famous gorges. This gave them an air base within five hundred miles of Chungking, of which they have made merciless use to bomb the capital. Then came the French collapse, the Japanese control of northern Indo-China and the closure of the railway into South China; finally, the closing for three months of the Burma Road. It is true that the Chinese had three times sharply defeated the Japanese when they tried to extend their grip. But this could not compensate them for the loss of their last direct communications with the sea.

China's fortunes seemed at their lowest ebb. Yet here people remained undaunted. Even before the Burma Road was reopened they had begun to hit back at their enemy with vicious present position in force.

BOOT ON THE OTHER LEG

In central China around the Lower Yangtse, the fighting which began in late September spreads over so huge a field, probably not less than two hundred miles square, that I can only mention two points. One was the recapture of a town called Matang on the south bank of the Yangtse, the possession of which should enable the Chinese to worry Japan's shipping up and down the river considerably. The other is the defeat of a Japanese force at Shaohsing. It happens to be the most famous wine-growing district in China, but is chiefly interesting because it lies close to Hangchow Bay. It was the landing of a Japanese army in Hangchow Bay in October, 1937, which turned the Chinese flank at Shanghai and forced them to retreat. Now the boot is on the other leg.

Greatest triumph of all was the Chinese recapture of Nanning on October 29, after a week's hard fighting. The Japanese say they gave up Nanning voluntarily as their occupation of Northern Indo-China had made it useless to them. But this is highly improbable. The Chinese official reports are quite

explicit and experience all through the war has shown that such reports are generally trustworthy. The Japanese would be well aware of the tremendous moral effect which their abandonment of such a place as Nanning—even if it were done voluntarily—would have all through China. Also its possession opens the way to Lungchow, a port through which from Hongkong the Chinese did a lot of trade before they lost Nanning. They are reported already to have regained Lungchow.

The Chinese General commanding in these operations is Pai Chung-hsi, the most brilliant of all the Chinese leaders. He is the idol of his troops, hardly mountaineers of Kwangsi, the province which borders Indo-China, men who can march incredible distances on the meagre rations. They are probably the most formidable soldiers in China.

THE BURMA ROAD

One word about the Burma Road. The Japanese claim to have cut it to pieces with bombs. The Chinese assert positively that traffic continues regularly along it without serious interruption. In this connection it is to be remembered that Japanese aviators never succeeded in interrupting railway services for more than two or three hours; and that during the fighting at Shanghai three years ago they never hit the motor-road to Nanking, though it was right under their noses and abounds in bridges.

While there is no doubt about what happened at Nanning there are also distinct indications that the Japanese are preparing to shorten their alarmingly long lines elsewhere. The Chinese report that the extreme south of China is practically clear of them. They have withdrawn from Bias Bay near Hongkong. They are believed to be getting out of Swatow—one hundred and seventy-five miles north of Hongkong. They are reported to be reducing the garrison in Shanghai. And the Chinese think that they are also considering a withdrawal from Ichang, the place I mentioned a moment ago.

That part of China which the Japanese have invaded is two thousand miles long and in places eight hundred to one thousand miles deep. Scattered over this, they are estimated to have one million men, few enough to hold down so huge a territory, of which fully three-quarters behind and between the Japanese lines is still completely under the Chinese Government's control.

THE PRICE OF AGGRESSION

Besides her armies in China, Japan has to keep some three hundred thousand men in Manchuria, and at least as many, probably some thousands more, in Korea, Formosa and Japan itself. Her losses in the war, killed, died of disease and disabled, are estimated by neutral observers at about three-quarters of a million.

Here is another important fact. The Japanese Ministry of Welfare recently drew serious attention to the fact that out of two million seven hundred thousand youths between the age of fifteen and twenty-five when medically examined, only twenty-seven per cent. passed the tests, owing to the low standard of living in Japan. Yet the Japanese Military Propaganda Department is urging the people to make still greater sacrifices and to cut down their eating, particularly of rice, their staple diet.

With these figures before one, one may well conclude that Japan is feeling the strain on

her man-power, especially as it is known that her industries are feeling the want of labour. At the same time, it is clear that her foreign policy is causing her no little perplexity. The signature of the Three Power Pact is not working out at all as its authors expected, partly owing to Great Britain's refusal to be crushed by Hitler, partly owing to America's pugnacious reactions. The evacuation of Americans from Japan, and many also from China, has made the Japanese public so uneasy that Mr. Matsukata, the Foreign Minister, was recently driven to issue a statement saying that he cannot conceive what has induced America to take such steps as the situation in the Far East has not in any way been changed by the Three Power Pact.

THE SOUTHWARD MOVEMENT

Another factor is to be considered. The ease with which Japan has established herself in Indo-China has converted many Japanese leaders to what the Navy has always preached, namely that Japan's destiny lies on the sea and in Southern Asia. This certainly begins to look more attractive than the Army's prolonged and expensive failure to crush General Chiang Kai-shek. There is no lack of close observers who believe that Japan is planning to pull in her horns as far as she can without loss of material interests in China, in order to launch out on new schemes of spoliation in Indo-China and other possible regions.

Be that as it may, she certainly has excellent reasons for trying to reduce her commitments in China. It has often been pointed out that she never ought to have allowed herself to launch out from the five northern provinces, which she easily overran in the first two months of the war. They are stuffed with the things she needs—coal, iron, cotton, etc. The lie next to Manchuria, her own ground, and have for the most part a natural frontier on the south and west, easily defended, the Yellow River. China could never have evicted her. Instead, the Japanese Generals allowed themselves to be led on all over China by insane ambitions of conquest and illusory dreams of a new order in East Asia, and now the problem is to trim the cloth of their tattered garment to a more wearable pattern.

CHINA IS CONFIDENT

But will that be easy? The Chinese have already a regular army of two-and-a-half millions. Their estimated available manpower is twenty-three millions. They also have at least one million guerrillas. The guerrillas are indifferently armed, it is true, but they are so agile that it is impossible to pin them down to pitched battle, and they are invaluable in harrying the Japanese from behind, cutting off their supplies—most of the guerrillas, by the way, are armed with Japanese weapons—and they are making a mess of the Japanese communications.

Wherever the Japanese may try to shorten their lines, the Chinese will be at them like hornets. As is well known, there is nothing more difficult in warfare than a rearguard action, and the Japanese would have to fight not one but fifty of these without enough men to concentrate efficiently at any point against the swarms of Chinese attackers. Bismarck, I believe, once said that there were a hundred ways of getting into England, but only one of getting out. I do not for a moment imagine that the Japanese even begin to think of getting out of China. Nor do the Chinese, who frankly admit that they have still a long struggle and possibly many disappointments yet to face. But they are perfectly confident, and more and more foreigners agree with them, that sooner or later the Japanese, who plunged into China so easily, will realise that to get out again is a very different matter.

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

Getting Into HOT WATER

From the diary of a journalist who is now a soldier.

"GET ready for a bath," said the Sergeant. "Get your towels and your soap." "Don't let me catch nobody trying to duck out of it, or so help me I'll come and get him if he's in the middle of a shoe-shine, shave or a haircut," and run him into the cooler so fast his feet won't touch the ground! "Come on, then! Get out of it! Towels under your arms! Cleanliness is next to godliness, and therefore compulsory!" The Lad from the Elephant and Castle asked if the water was hot. "Is the water hot?" said the Sergeant, with dreadful scorn. "Yes, the water is hot." "And I'm going to wash your little back, I am, and rub you with eau de ruddy Cologne, and dust your little tummy with violet powder. "Get cracking! Is the water hot? What is this Army coming to?"

The bath-house is long and severe, scoured by fatigue-men to a naked purity. It is made up of cubicles. In each cubicle there is a shower, with an indicator marked "Cold—Teplid—Hot—Off."

Turn it to "Cold," and, sure enough, cold water comes out. Turn it to "Teplid," and cold water still comes out. Try "Hot," and the shower goes off like Old Reliable, the Great Geyser, in an awful explosion of boiling water and super-heated steam.

Somewhere between "Hot" and "Teplid" there is a point at which nice warm water can be got. But this is a delicate thing to achieve. Getting at it is like balancing a feather on the end of your nose—you can't do it unless you are born with the knack.

The Yorkshireman says, "Eh, I'm starved!" The Good Boy from Godalming uses the first naughty word of his Army career, and adds, "I'm boiled." A thick steam rises, impregnated with the smell of a dozen kinds of soap, from the good old biting red carbolic to the scented stuff that film stars use. There is a sound of slapping. Then—inevitably—somebody starts to sing. It is the Kid, from Widnes, with his everlasting "Trees." I don't know why a man bursts into song as soon as he gets into warm water. The Inglish Grocer lets out a few bars of "On Ilkley Moor 'Bant 'At," and the Tall Boy from Sunderland retellates with a couple of bursts of the Volga Boat Song.

Then the Sergeant raises his voice. The howitzer roars against the popguns. "Outside! Out of it! You great babies! I have to chase you in, and then I have to chase you out! Come on!"

As the noise subsides, I hear him remarking to a corporal:—"It's funny to see the change. When they first come, they're like shy little girls. They stand just like the bird in that picture 'September Morn'."

"But now, they're at their ease. They forget how they use to need privacy. "They eat in one room, sleep in one room, bath in one room, and comes out. Try "Hot," and the shower goes off like Old Reliable, the Great Geyser, in an awful explosion of boiling water and super-heated steam. "There's one thing to be said for this life. It broadens your outlook. It knocks some of the ruddy nonsense out of you. "It makes the rookies get together. "Come on, come on, come on! D'you want celluloid ducks to play with? Get out of them showers, you sissies, and get dressed!"

Free French Raid On Italian-Held Oases

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The recent raid into Italian Libya by the Free French forces is the subject of a communiqué issued by General de Gaulle's headquarters in London.

The communiqué states: "In the course of January, elements of our troops in Chad, acting under the command of General de Larminat, carried out a deep raid into Libya in the region of Fezzan. Our troops reached and destroyed the base at Murzuk and carried the post at Ghatun, inflicting on the enemy serious losses in men and material. Several Italian planes were destroyed on the ground."

The communiqué adds that General de Gaulle has conferred the Croix de l'Ordre de la Libération posthumously upon Lieutenant Dornier, commander of the detachment, who was killed at Murzuk.

WOMAN SUES HERSELF

A WOMAN sued herself at Leeds Assizes recently—and was awarded £659 damages against herself.

She is, Mrs Kathleen May Wiggins, of Chestnut-avenue, Wheatley Hill, Doncaster.

This is how this strange action arose:—

Her six-year-old son, Terence, was killed when travelling on a car driven by his father last year.

Mr Wiggins had since died.

Mrs Wiggins sued as administratrix of her son for damages for loss of the expectation of life.

She defended the action as administratrix, of her dead husband.

Counsel appeared for and against Mrs Wiggins.

Liability was not contested, and the action was brought to ascertain what amount of damages was fair.

Gilbertian Situation

Mr Justice Tucker, commenting on the case, said:—

"Whether or not this Gilbertian situation is permissible as a matter of practice I do not know. The fact that by consent of the parties I am dealing with the action is not to be taken as being any authority that an action can be so constituted."

"We know that Mrs Wiggins, as administratrix of her husband, is really an insurance company."

Golf

Captain's Cup And Stubbs Shield Matches

The following were the results in the first and second rounds in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Captain's Cup Competition (1940):

First round: (1) (10) beat A. J. Dennis (10) five and four; K. S. Robertson (10) beat G. Thompson (10) three and two; A. B. Purves (10) beat H. A. Mills (12) three and two.

Second round:—Megarry received a walk-over from M. L. Reidy, who scratched; W. S. Miller (10) beat W. Brown (10) two and one; T. Low (12) beat W. C. Sheehan (10) four and four; Linaker (10) beat B. L. Lloyd four and two; A. B. Purves beat K. S. Robertson three and two; H. A. Mills beat J. W. Clague (10) four and four; Overy (10) beat A. H. McIlride (12) four and three; G. M. G. (17) beat F. C. Young (14) seven and six.

Stubbs Shield

The following were the results in the second and third rounds of the Stubbs Shield Competition:

Second Round:—R. S. R. beat Gilman and Co. on a walk-over; Army Audit Staff beat 1st Heavy Regt. R.A.; Public Works Dept beat Hongkong and Shanghai Bank four and three; Education Dept beat R.A.O.C. on a walk-over; 5th A.A. Regt. beat 1st Heavy Regt. R.A. four and two; A.R.P. Wardens beat John D. Hutchison and Co. six and four; Butterfield and Swire beat Public Office Dept five and four; Dodwell and Co. beat Government Medical Dept three and two.

Third Round:—R. S. R. beat Army Audit Staff; Public Works Dept beat Education Dept six and four; 5th A.A. Regt. beat 1st Heavy Regt. R.A. five and three; Butterfield and Swire beat Dodwell and Co. three and two.

NEW YEAR MEETING

The Boney Par Pool over the New Year meeting attracted 30 entries and was won by D. S. Edward (5) who was three up. The Boney Par Pool over the Old Course attracted 25 entries and was won by D. S. Robb (7) who was two down. The Medal round over the Old Course was won by S. L. Lloyd with a card of 80-71. There were 23 entries.

The Mixed Competition at Fanning and the Happy Valley (Boney Par) were cancelled.

HITLER-PETAINE

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Hitler and Petain may meet again shortly, according to the Ankara radio, which declared to-night that there were "certain persistent reports" suggesting such a move.

STOCK EXCHANGE ENQUIRY FOR BELGIAN BONDS

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was generally quiet and irregular. Gift-edged holdings drifted down slightly after early firmness but closed steady.

Industrial encountered some provincial selling and home rails tended to be easier, but oils were firm and there was further speculative enquiry in European bonds, notably Belgian four per cent.

Wall Street was irregular.

Large Units Rugger League Makes A Start

R. Scots 24 M'sex 3
R. A. 9 Small Units 5

FIRST MATCHES in the Army Large Units Rugby League made a start at Soekunpoo yesterday with two matches, in the first of which the Royal Scots trounced the Middlesex 24 points (three goals and three tries) to 3 (a try), and in the second Royal Artillery beat Combined Small Units 9 points (three tries) to 5 (a goal).

Scots v. Middlesex.

Royal Scots were all over Middlesex. Tackling on both sides was bad, while Middlesex further contributed to their downfall with faulty passing.

Man and Berry were the outstanding figures in the Middlesex XV.

Batman, Douglass, Garrie and Patterson scored for Scots in the first half, two of the tries being converted by Miller with excellent kicks; in the second period, Douglass touched down again for Ford to convert, and finally Patterson went over for an unconverted try.

Middlesex's only points were scored in the closing minutes when Berry hurled himself over the line for an unconverted try.

R. A. v. Comb. Small Units

Hamlin (Small Units' full back) was the outstanding player of the game. He tackled courageously and well, and on several occasions was the means of preventing the Gunners from scoring.

Tackling was high and generally ineffective.

First blood to the Gunners came when Dinwain broke through with a grand run from halfway and crossed the line. The try was unconverted.

Then shortly before the interval Skipwith sent Page over for the second unconverted try, and Gunners' last tally was when Bomps went over in the far corner.

Reward

It was not until just before the end that Small Units were rewarded for their efforts. Coombes broke away and transferred to Pollock who in turn sent out to Lithauer who scored between the posts. Coombes added the points.

Royal Engineers Beat Club "A"

Royal Engineers beat Club "A" at Happy Valley by 14 points (a goal and three tries) to 6 (two tries). Foley, Pictou, Dobson and Davies scored for the Sappers, Foley converting one, while Carruthers touched down for Club.

Army Quadrangular XV

The following will represent Army against Police in the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament fixture of the season, on the Police ground on Saturday at 4.15 p.m.:

L/Cpl Pictou (R.E.), Bdr Richards (R.A.), Capt. Hook (R.A.), Capt. Douglass (R.A.), Lieut. Coombes (R.A.M.C.), 2/Lieut. Wedderburn (R.A.), Cpl Sutherland (Royal Scots), Cpl. Ford (Royal Scots), 2/Lieut. Bompas (R.A.), 2/Lieut. Heath (R.A.), 2/Lieut. Miller (R.A.), 2/Lieut. Pictou (R.A.), Capt. Duke (Royal Scots) and Sgt. Gillan (Middlesex).

Reserves—L/Cpl Foley (R.E.), Pte Berry (Middlesex), 2/Lieut. Edlison (R.A.), Capt. Harely (R.A.M.C.) and L/Sgt Marsh (R.A.).

"Bevin Boys"

NEW DELHI, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Mr M. S. A. Hyndi, Secretary of the Labour Department, has been appointed by the Government of India to be its representative on the Eastern Group Supply Council.

The first batch of "Bevin Boys" have been selected from artisans employed in Indian factories for training in the United Kingdom under the Bevin scheme. Aged 18 to 35 they include electricians, fitters and blacksmiths from all classes all over India and they are described as the advance guard of India's industrial army.

Ian Hay Resigns

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The War Office announces that Major-General Bevin (Ian Hay, the well-known novelist) has resigned his appointment as Director of Public Relations in the War Office.

Captain David Margesson has accepted the resignation with great regret and has expressed his appreciation of Major-General Bevin's great services to the Army. He has appointed Colonel Walter Elliott to succeed him.

London Raid Alert

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The ten days' lull in the night air war over London was broken by an early alert to-night, shortly after which heavy gunfire was heard in the central districts.



VACATION BOUND—Edward J. Flynn, Democratic National Chairman, who conducted the successful campaign for President Roosevelt after the resignation of Jim Farley, leaves for a vacation with his wife after the election.

Sydney Now Empire's Air Service Base

The provision in Sydney of engine overhaul workshops for the Empire flying-boats is proving invaluable in the maintenance of the British overseas air mail.

When Italy entered the war, all Mediterranean flying-boat bases were closed to the Empire service. German air patrols from France and the bombing of the British coast meant that a passenger, mail, and freight service from Australia to Southampton, and later to Hythe, could not be safely and regularly operated.

A survey of alternative routes, governed by the range of the existing Empire flying boats and the landplanes operated by British Overseas Airways, Ltd., shows that the best alternative route to Britain was via Egypt, and then southwards through Africa to the Cape.

There was a second alternative route from Australia to Britain across the Indian Ocean, with strategic connections from Cocos Island to Singapore, from Diego Garcia to Colombo and India, from the Seychelles to Mombasa, and then by way of rivers and lakes to the west coast of Africa. This route was surveyed in 1939 by Captain P. G. Taylor.

Unfortunately the British Airways had no flying-boats with sufficient range to fly the Indian Ocean route. The ordering of the P.B.Y. 5 flying-boats by the Commonwealth Government, however, changes the entire perspective, and pilots who have been used to machines with a standard range of some 1,000 miles will now have at their disposal aircraft with a still air range of 4,000 miles, or 2,000 miles with a heavy load.

Change of Route

The change of route through Africa for the Empire service led to British Overseas Airways, Ltd., moving its headquarters to Durban. A large technical and administrative staff, with equipment, was transported to Durban.

It was this change of western terminal which called for the early full use of the resources of the newly established Qantas engine overhaul workshops at the eastern end.

That they were available was a tribute to the foresight of Mr W. Hudson Eyah, managing director of Qantas Empire Airways, Ltd., and of the works manager of the company, Mr A. Baird.

Qantas Engine

To-day, the Qantas engine overhaul section not only plays a large part in keeping the Empire flying-boats in the air over the whole of the Durban-Sydney route, but it is also of service to the Air Force in maintaining Royal Australian Navy ship-borne aircraft.

About £50,000 is invested in the Qantas engine overhaul workshop. The workshops strip down engines, clean the parts, and go through all stages of repair and replacement.

The engines are removed from their bearings at Rose Bay, conveyed to Mascot, and after overhaul, taken back to the base for re-installation in the wings of the flying-boats.

Hostesses For War Fund Ball

Under the patronage of His Excellency the Acting Governor, the British War Organisation Fund Executive Committee have organised a Ball to be held in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel, on Friday. Tickets are available at the Hongkong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel.

The following have volunteered as dance hostesses:—Miss J. Finlay, Miss N. Boyd, Miss E. Bliss, Miss M. Glover, Miss B. Fair, Miss Lena Glover, Miss S. Baskett, Mrs R. Mace, Miss A. Fisher, Miss Challinor, Mrs Gillard, Miss J. Oram, Miss V. Blackburn, Mrs D. Lombard, Miss D. Dodd, Miss S. Costelloe, Miss S. Haynes, Miss Nina Quinn, Miss Frances Kileen, Miss Joan Sanh, Miss Hilda Greaves, Miss Deacon, Mrs G. Goddard, Miss F. Cartwright, Mrs Freda Gayer, Miss French, Mrs Mary Sterling, Mrs Kershaw, Miss Kiki Chaffoy, Mrs Priestwood, Miss Corn Gaggino, Miss O. Archangelisky, Mrs Tebbitt, Miss Beatrice Hutchinson, Miss Podmore, Miss Dora Chow, Miss S. Christensen, Miss Gloria Yee, Miss May Ung, Miss Doreen Weir, Miss Irene Arfouh, Miss Frances L. L. Bateman, and Mrs Lobe.

Anti-Nazi Riots In Bergen

Many Sentenced

Indomitable opposition to the Quilting regime in Bergen, South-West Norway, marked by constant disturbances and demonstrations, has necessitated the rushing of police reinforcements to the city, where German troops have been obliged to assist.

According to reports reaching Helsinki, a state of emergency has been declared, and inhabitants must be indoors by sunset.

A hand-to-hand fight during the recent Nationalist meeting resulted in two deaths and many people were taken to hospital. "S-boton" is increasing and large stocks of fish for Germany have been destroyed. The delinquents have been tried in camera and heavily penalised.

Many Bergen men were recently sentenced to long terms of imprisonment for giving information about Norway's home affairs to foreign agents. Nazi party and Government posters are invariably torn down and torn up.

The Bergen Press refuses to acknowledge the Quilting regime, and two newspapers have been temporarily closed.

Oslo's largest morning newspaper, the "Tidensstern", has also been ordered to cease publication until further notice, the reason, according to Press reports, being that it published sarcastic comments about the Royal box at the municipal theatre.

Miss Hilary Napier Passes Through

Mr A. Strok, the famous impresario, passed through the Colony yesterday accompanied by Miss Hilary Napier, the brilliant English dancer.

Miss Napier was born at Mokran-shan on August 15, 1910, and comes of an English family well-known in China, her grandfather being the distinguished sinologist, Dr Timothy Richard. Even as a child she showed talent and aptitude for dancing, and after finishing school at Cambridge, she attended the State Academy for Music and Dramatic Art in Vienna, graduating with honours.

After Vienna, Miss Napier toured Europe and South America with a famous group and was widely acclaimed by critics for her solo dancing.

When war broke out, she returned to her family in China, and gave a series of recitals. She came to the attention of Mr A. Strok, who formerly managed tours for Anna Pavlova, Ruth St Denis, Ted Shawn, La Argentina, and other great dancers. He was impressed by her performance, and has arranged a tour of China, the Netherlands East Indies, India, Africa and other parts of the world for her. She has just spent two months in Shanghai, where the critics praised her mimicry and impersonation dancing.

Mr Strok and Miss Napier are going to Singapore and to Java, and expect to return in a few months.

SCHOOL SPOTTERS

Lessons at Elton College now continue after the "alert" is sounded, following the introduction of a spotter system. If raiders approach the college, wardens blow whistle signals and the boys then take shelter.

American War Writer's Escape

Italian machine-gunners nearly shot Leland Stowe, famous American war correspondent.

The incident happened when Stowe drove into Pogradee, captured Italian base on Lake Ohridsko (Greek right flank).

He was with the correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor," a Greek Lieutenant and a military chauffeur.

Stowe writes in the London "Daily Telegraph": "By a slight error we entered Pogradee early one Sunday morning hours before Greek infantry entered the town."

"Greek cavalry had slipped through the town before daybreak, and we thought the infantry had occupied it."

"As we drove down a winding hill and then across a flat plain into Pogradee, we did not hear a shot."

"A bitter wind was blowing from Lake Ohridsko and snow blanketed the mountains around the southern shore."

Silent as Tomb

"No living thing stirred in the town. It was as silent as a tomb."

"Just as we passed houses on the southern outskirts of the town, crackling machine-guns shattered the stillness."

"We couldn't tell where the shooting came from, but it was unpleasantly close to us."

"Themis, our chauffeur, swung the car behind the brick wall of a building."

"By this time machine-guns were in action on some heights just beyond the town."

"The lieutenant with us said: 'It sounds like the Italians. We'd better get out of here as fast as we can.'"

"Nobody disputed his reasoning."

Better Strategy

"Finally we found the Greek general we had been looking for when we came to the town."

"He advised us to get out, explaining that the Greek infantry would not go into the town until the Italian rear-guard was cleared from nearby heights."

"His story of the capture of Pogradee was much the same as that of previous Greek successes—superior Greek strategy and the superior quality of Greek troops as mountain fighters."

"The Italians must have been almost impregnable situated in a semi-circle of heights north and west of Pogradee."

"But the Greeks seized one western range after another, and kept pressing along the crests until the Italian withdrawal from the town became unavoidable."

Dutch Learn English

B.B.C. English has been adopted as the official language of the Dutch Army in Britain.

Nine hours a week Dutch soldiers are taught how to say "baath" and "awfen" by a sergeant-instructor.

But out of school the men meet the local people, and difficulties arise in the little town where some of them are quartered. There the B.B.C. accent is regarded as all right on the radio, but a definite "put-on" in ordinary conversation.

"Many of the men are friendly with the people here," the instructor told a reporter. "And it's almost hopeless to pit the B.B.C. accent against the local dialect. The men think they are being made fun of."

Also Classes In Dutch

There are also classes in Dutch at the camp for the men of Dutch families who have been brought up in England. Among the community are men who speak Ceylaidese.

There was, at least one Dutch Cockney. Before he joined up he kept a little shop in the Mile End-road.

Canada's National Registration

Figures released on national registration indicate Canada now has a population considerably more than 12,000,000, compared with 10,376,788 at the last census in 1931.

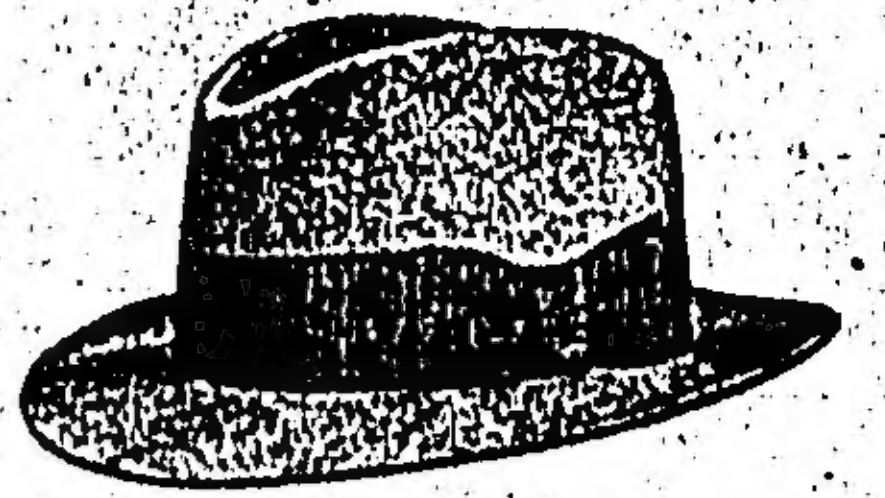
National registration embraces only persons of 16 years and upwards and the total number registered is more than 8,000,000. Census officials said that in the 1931 census 66 per cent of the total population was composed of persons 16 years old and upwards.

If the ratio is the same now as in 1931, officials said, then there now are more than 4,000,000 persons in Canada under 16 years, or a total population of better than 12,000,000.

Monthly Males

J. G. Gardiner, Minister of National War Services, announced in a statement that 7,800,470 persons registered under National Registration regulations. Registrations since that date of persons who reached the age of 16, brought the total to more than 8,000,000.

Of those listed during the August registration period, 9,989,700 were males and 3,991,710 females.



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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

Comments On Penalty Bully

Infringements Within The Circle: When Goals Are Awarded

For any breach of any Rule (except Rule 9) and for an intentional breach of Rule 9, after a warning by the umpire:

(i) by the attacker, the game shall be restarted at the centre of the nearer twenty-five yard line,

(ii) by a defender, a goal shall be awarded to the opposing side. For a simultaneous breach of Rule 9 and 10 by both players, the bully shall be played again.

Distinctly Laid Down

It is distinctly laid down that a penalty bully is to be ordered when the scoring of a goal is prevented by any breach of Rule 10, whether intentional or otherwise.

If it is considered that a foul by a defender inside the circle has deprived the attacker of a certain goal, give a penalty bully. Don't think or allow the players to think that a penalty bully is only awarded for a deliberate breach of a rule.

Some players are apt to regard the award of a penalty bully as a personal reflection on their play; it is nothing of the sort. It is only intended to be a more severe penalty than a penalty corner, because the breach of the rule took place in a position from which a goal might, or probably would have been scored. A player who falls on or behind the ball in the circle is almost certain to be impeding an attacker, in which case a penalty bully should be awarded.

All penalty bullies are to be played on a spot five yards in front of the centre of the goal. This spot is not marked on the ground and it is the duty of the umpire to place the ball correctly before the bully begins.

Don't forget that if for any reason such as injury or suspension from the game the offending player is unable to take part in the bully, any other player may be selected by his captain to take his place.

Taking The Bully

When the other 20 players have retired beyond the 25 yards line, and supposing the bully is taking place in your circle, get the other umpire to come up to the 25-yard line to see that no player approaches any nearer.

No penalty attaches if he does, and if the encroachment is likely to interfere with the bully, cause it to be taken again. But this is an occasion when the advantage rule may be put into use for the benefit of either side.

When Bully Finishes

REMEMBER that the bully is not finished until the ball leaves the circle, and if the ball goes over the goal-line of the defender at a point which is between where the circle meets the goal-line and the corner, the bully must not be retaken.

It is retaken when the ball goes off the defender and over that part of the goal-line which is within the circle, other than between the posts.

Remember that a goal is scored if the ball goes over the goal-line. It does not matter off whose stick it goes, or if off the defender's stick, and a goal can be scored if the attacker did not touch the ball at all—as has happened when the defender, in drawing the ball away from the bully, brings it back over the

Random Jottings

Weaker Selection

OWING to the "Lower ranks" in the services being unable to leave the Colony, the Interport team for Macao this season will be considerably weakened.

The Selectors, however, are making the best of a bad job and have been very busy during the Chinese New Year holidays getting a useful side together.

An interesting Association Tournament game will take place at Boundary Street next Sunday morning when Police "A" clash with Khalsa. Though hitherto unbeaten, the guardians of the law will have to be on their toes if they hope to clinch both points from the ex-radiation. A good fast game is anticipated.

ERNE Fowler, the C.B.A. centre forward, for reasons unknown to the Selectors, failed to put in an appearance at the second trial which was held last Tuesday.

From what I can see of the 17 players selected, he has lost his place in the Interport team.

VIC Bond, Club right back, has fully recovered from his long illness, judging by his exhibitions in the trials. His position as full back for the Colony is now a certainty.

THE Umpires' Association will hold a meeting to-morrow at St Andrew's Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. All interested are welcome.

Interport Selectors Make The Best Of A Bad Job

THE SECOND INTERPORT TRIAL was held at the Club ground last Tuesday at 11 a.m., and though some well known players were missing two well-balanced teams were chosen and both halves of the game proved interesting.

In the first half, Whites led by one goal scored by Gurbachan Singh, and in the second half when several changes were made. Colours defeated Whites by 2-1. G. Singh scored again for Whites, and D. Smith gave Colours last minute victory with two grand goals.

Exchanges were fast and keen and the standard of hockey higher than in the first trial, in spite of the warm forenoon.

Outstanding players were V. C. Bond and J. Gonsalves, the Whites' backs, R. Marques and N. Whitley, the wing halves, and G. Singh, at centre forward.

For the Colours, D. Smith at right wing, and Parker at inside left showed good form, and Tony Alves, left half, was consistent throughout. Jasbir Singh, centre forward, was a failure and in both trials he seemed completely off form. Fowler failed to appear, hence G. Singh was seen as leader, though he is better at inside-right.

Goal-keepers

OF the goalkeepers, Souza was called upon on more occasions, and was thus beaten three times. Benwell was more reliable and did by no means badly. He seemed to anticipate shots with better judgment.

One could describe both trials as without any brilliance, and brought out some of the prominent players, though there were disappointments among some of the foremost, who did not give of their best.

Seventeen players have since been selected for the Interport, and as several positions are still very open, these players will be made to play

Points That Local Softball Pitchers Might Bear In Mind

By "Ball Fan"

THE CALIBRE of softball in the Colony has improved tremendously since its inception and start a few years back. Many of the teams are dishing out a brand of real classy ball both in the field and with the willow-wand. The only position which has not kept pace with the upward trend, since the introduction of this game here, appears to be the pitching department.

Hurling seems to be a lost art here in Hongkong. The vital question—"What does one need, to become a good softball pitcher?"—has been heard many times over.

To all intents and purposes, there is no definite answer so far as physical size is concerned. Men as well as ladies of widely varying physiques have become great softball pitchers. Tall, short, fat and lean—the game has had its share of headlines who fit all these descriptions.

Record Pitcher

IN the city of Rochester N.Y. there is a standout hurler with one of the commercial firms who has set up, through years of competitive play, an envious all-time record which should remain in the annals of softball history for years to come.

He has already pitched 54 no-hit games in organized ball and has a strike-out record of 11,500 over an 18-year career. More than 300 of his victories were shutouts.

One of his feats was pitching six games in three days in a national tournament and winning five of them.

His forte is control and he went through ten games in a row without walking a man.

Patience Practice

SOFTBALL pitching is, without a doubt, an art that requires patient practice. Generally speaking the successful pitcher must have:

1. Control.
2. Speed.
3. Curves.

4. Change of pace.
5. Ability to field.
6. More Control.
7. Courage.
8. Full knowledge of the pitching rules.
9. A legal delivery.
10. Deception.
11. And still more Control.

Right temperament is another asset. Here in the Colony many of our slab artists have a variation of these assets. Terry Noronha, Vahoo ace, has fine control. Herbie Quen has speed. Johnny Alvarez, Recreio first stringer has a good change of pace. Mary "Calamity" Ng, Canuckette starlet, has deception.

Delivery

THE simplest method of delivering a ball to a batter is to draw back the hand and let fly as most of us do in our local softball leagues. But this method is like manna from heaven for the player at the plate. Unless the pitcher is possessed of miraculous speed, the batter generally hits hard and often for there is no wind-up to distract his attention and make it difficult for him to follow the flight of the ball.

The wind-up is one of the best assets of a pitcher and in order to become top-flight, consistent practice in the mastering of a trick, deceptive style of delivery is necessary.

Wind-ups generally fall into two classifications—the "windmill" and the "figure-eight." The principal deception of the windmill wind-up is that the batter does not know on which swing of the arm he will have to hit at the ball.

It first came into prominence during the world championship meet of 1934 with Arizona's classy representatives as its chief exponent. The figure-eight or "pretzel" wind-up is most popular with leading pitchers. With this wind-up, not only is deception emphasised but the whole weight of the body is behind the release of the pitch.

Mary Ng, Canadian Chinese mound star, although lacking in control, uses a combination of both wind-ups with fairly good results.

Points to Remember

INEXPERIENCED mound aspirants, when toiling the slab, may derive some benefit in remembering to—

1. Keep cool. Don't lose your temper when things go wrong.
2. Mix them up. Make every pitch count, but don't try to strike out every batter. Conserve your energy for the spots where it is needed most.
3. Watch base runners. Even though softball rules won't permit a man to take a lead, he can steal bases if you aren't on your toes when receiving the ball from the catcher.
4. Be alive. Always be in position to field the ball and have an idea what you will do when you get it.
5. Keep in condition. Your legs and wind especially are important.

Medicals Beat

R. E. 3-1 In Third Division Soccer

In a third division soccer match at the Valley yesterday Royal Army Medical Corps defeated Royal Engineers 3-1 after holding a goal lead at the interval. The winners owe their success to their stronger halves and the fact that their forwards took their opportunities.

Sappers had slightly the better of the opening exchanges but Medicals were the first to score when Pym put over a cross which curled into the net. Neither team was given many scoring opportunities. After the interval Medicals took a hold on the game.

Webb, tapping a nice cross from Parker, gave Medicals their second and Pym added the third after a defender had mis-kicked to let him through.

Just before the whistle F. Jones reduced the score from a penalty. R.A.M.C.—Forster, Smith, Entwistle; R. C. Smith, Bennett, Bright; Pym, Loyne, Webb, Harvey, Parker. R.E.—Heath, T. Jones, Spencer; Lo Kam-bo, Moore, French; Brown, Cork, N. Jones, F. Jones, Gough.

RECREIO

1st XI v. C.S.C.C. (away)—E. L. Gonsalves (Capt.), W. A. Reed, A. M. Rodriguez, H. L. Ozorio, M. L. Soares, L. G. Gonsalves, G. N. Gonsalves, N. A. Ribeiro, M. D'Almeida, Remedios and A. M. Prata.

Week-End Cricket Teams

The following teams have been selected by various Clubs for League cricket matches on Saturday:

KOWLOON C.C.

1st XI v. Indian R.C. (home)—E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, D. Hung, A. Zimmerman, F. R. Zimmerman, H. F. Lee, F. J. Lay, T. Broadbridge, E. F. Fincher and N. A. E. Meneay. Scorer, T. W. Carr. Umpire, J. P. Robinson.

2nd XI v. Police (away)—D. A. Gray,

R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, T. A. Madar, K. M. Baxter, F. Goodwin, H. Brokenshire, C. E. Taylor, L. R. Burch, R. J. Fenlon, W. L. Hayley, 12th man, W. P. Parsons.

Scorer, J. W. Derham. Umpire, R. Leigh.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

1st XI v. Recreio (home)—J. E. Richardson, K. J. Altwell, F. Baker, W. H. Colledge, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. H. Grimith, D. C. Hawkins, D. McLean, E. E. Perry, N. B. Whitley and A. M. J. Wright.

2nd XI v. Craignower (away)—J. E. Strain, G. Almsie, J. Barrow, H. F. Harper, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. McGowan, J. Mitchell, N. L. Smith, G. Stone and A. Watson.

CRAIGNOWER C.C.

2nd XI v. C.S.C.C. (home)—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Farnham, A. M. A. Lee, A. H. H. C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way.

The Senior League match between Craignower C.C. and the University on the same day has been postponed.

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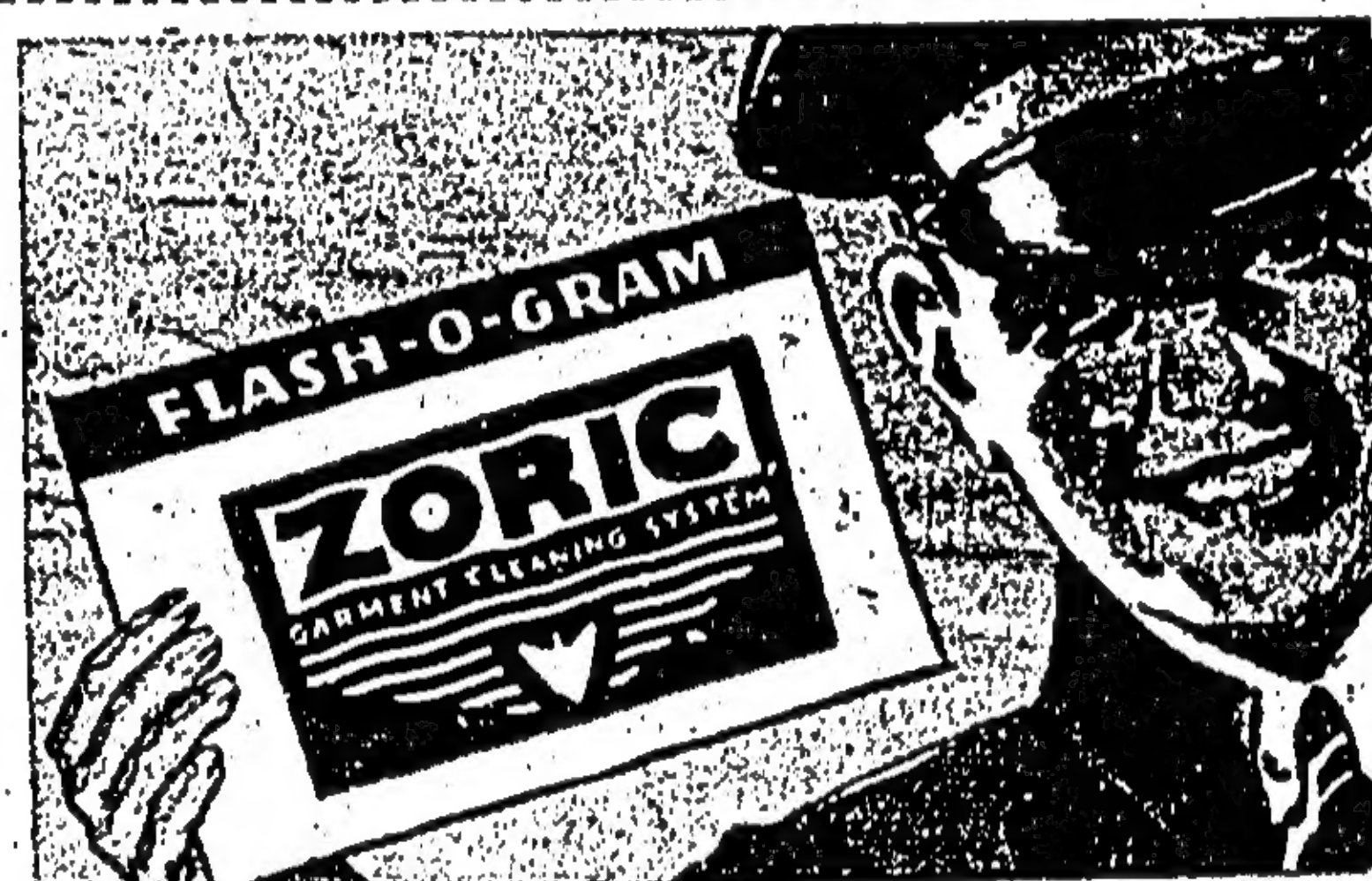
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Interned Nazis Paid Under World Accord

German officers interned in Canada are entitled to receive certain pay which is recoverable from the German Government, Lieut-Col Stethem, Assistant Director of Internment Operations said recently in a statement.

Similarly British and Canadian officers, held prisoner in Germany, are entitled to pay, recoverable from the Government in whose service they belong.

The governing international convention is that relating to the treatment of prisoners of war, ratified by Canada Feb. 20, 1933 and agreed to by some 38 of the various powers and states, Colonel Stethem said.

In Canada the rate of conversion from sterling to Canadian currency is that set by the Foreign Exchange Control Board.

Amplifying his printed statement, Colonel Stethem said that only civilian internees wear the regular internment camp uniform, distinguished by a broad red stripe inserted down the trouser legs and a large red circle in the middle of the back.

Entitled to Uniforms

"Members of the armed forces are still fighting men even when held prisoner and entitled to wear the uniform of their country," said Colonel Stethem.

With their pay officers may buy whatever parts of their uniform are necessary when their original uniforms are worn out. From time to time uniforms or parts of them are received in the mail for prisoners who have written to Germany asking relatives to buy clothing and forward it to them.

Payment is at the regular army rates of pay for various ranks in the service of the prisoners' country provided those rates do not exceed rates of pay for similar rank of the detaining country. For instance, should German rates of pay for various ranks exceed British rates of pay, German officer prisoners of war would be paid British rates.

As it happens, Colonel Stethem said, British and Canadian rates exceed those of Germany so German prisoners are paid at their own rates of pay.

Camp Taken Money Used

There is actually no cash transactions in giving this pay to officer prisoners, the money being placed to the credit of their accounts against which they receive camp taken money or make camp purchases which are subsequently paid for through their accounts.

The officers receive pay according to their rank based on the German

rates of pay in reichsmarks, converted into sterling at a rate agreed on by the Governments of the United Kingdom and Germany in accordance with the international convention, Colonel Stethem's statement said.

With this pay the officers buy their clothing and food.

Promotions

Colonel Stethem said there had been instances where German officers held in Canada had been promoted by German authorities after having been taken prisoner. A man might be a Lieutenant when captured. He received pay at the rate of a Lieutenant until British and Canadian authorities were notified of his promotion to the rank of Captain. Then his pay was raised to that of his new rank.

There have been many instances where officers turned over a considerable portion of their pay to Canadian internment authorities to be used to the benefit of their men who also were prisoners of war, Colonel Stethem said.

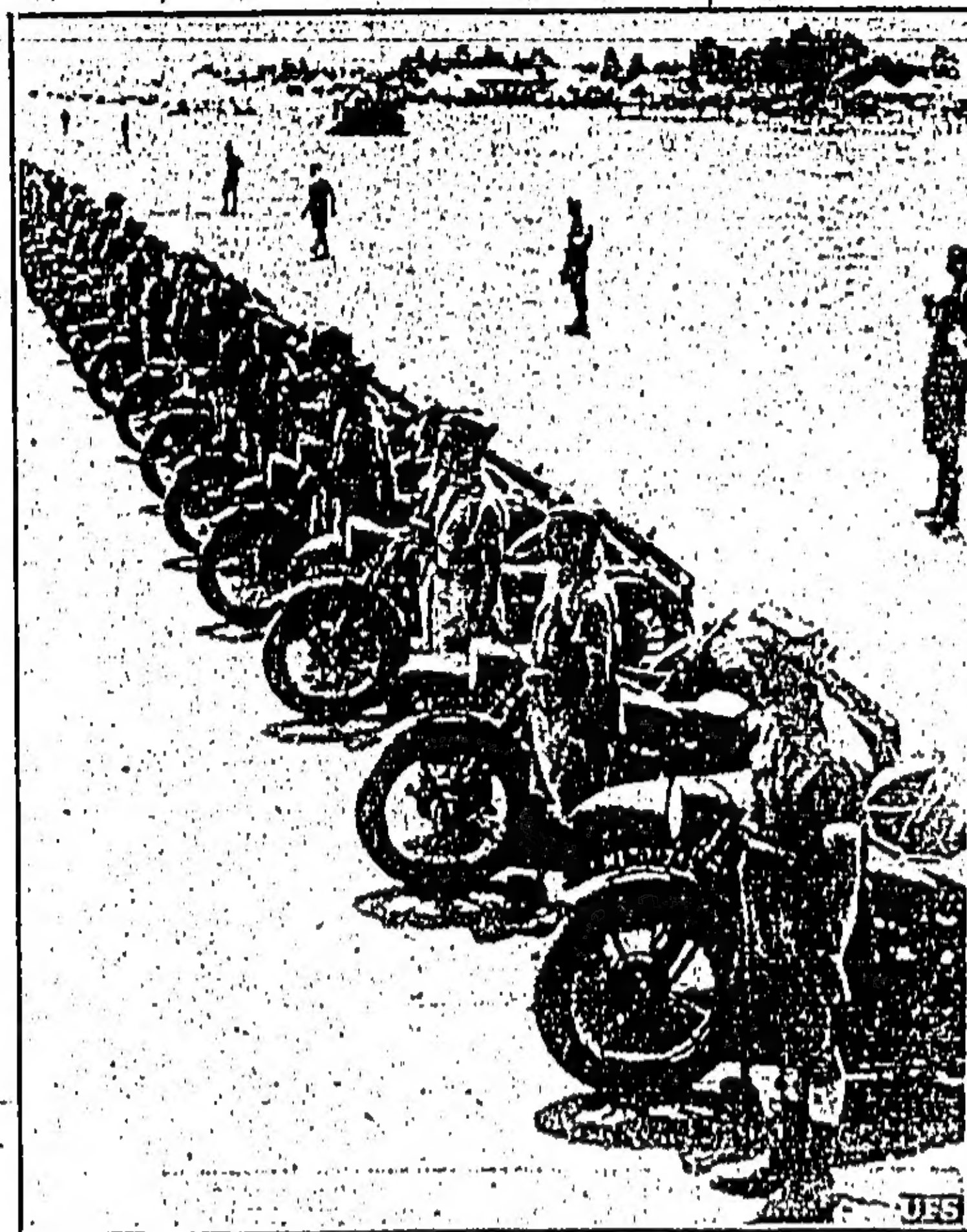
STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued yesterday, says:

Most of the operators being absent from the market, the morning's session was unduly quiet.

Buyers
Canton Ins. \$210
Union Ins. \$407.50
H.K. Fire Ins. \$165
Hotels \$3.50
Electric "O" \$40
Telephones "O" \$25.25
Entertainments \$7
Constructions "O" \$1.00

Sellers
Hotels \$3.60
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Ropes \$6.35
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Hotels \$3.55
Lights "O" \$0.30



POLES IN EGYPT—These are members of the Polish motor scouting unit serving with the British in Egypt, as might be expected from their garb. They are eager fighters.

NEW ALBANIAN CUSTOM ITALIANS' ONE-SIDED HAIRCUT

Seven bare-footed Italian soldiers, the right sides of their heads shaved clean, limped into the border town of Sturga, in Yugoslavia, recently and reported that rebel Albanian tribesmen had forced them out of the Italo-Greek war.

They told of a new kind of warfare more humiliating than bloody.

They were ordered to the Korea front from the Libras fortress. They put on plumed bersaglieri hats, climbed on their motorcycles and started out. They encountered a barricade at a curve in the mountain road near Progradetz. Immediately they were surrounded and captured by 200 rebel Albanians.

The Albanians took them into the forest, where they ordered them to take off their hats. The hats were burned.

Barber! Barber!
Then a rebel barber clipped and shaved the right sides of all the Italians' heads, refusing their pleas to do an over-all job.

The Albanians then ordered their captives to take off their shoes. The shoes were thrown away. Under threat of death, the Italians were marched to the road and ordered to get out of the country.

When the ragged, footsore group arrived in Sturga, officials ordered them interned.

A. R. P. ORDERS

Instructions For Work Issued By Director

Owing to the fact that many candidates who do not attend the full course of lectures, fail to return the A.R.P. Handbooks issued to them, it has become necessary to institute a new system. Commencing with class C200, instructors must collect 50 cents from each candidate to whom he issues handbooks, and send this money to A.R.P. Headquarters with the unused books. This sum will be refunded to all successful candidates at the time of their attestation. No refund will be made to unsuccessful candidates.

Strength-Decrease

The following Warden has been permitted to resign, 273 E. Zuluat, (H. land) on leaving the Colony.

Changes of Address

The following changes of address are notified for information: 3041 Cheng Lu (A) to 5 Garden Terrace, 1st floor (C), 1047 Lee Shiu-tung, (W) to 100 Queen's Road, West, ground floor (U.L.), 2020 Lam Kam-hon (W) to 37 Eastern Street, 1st floor (U.L.).

Instructional Courses

A lecture on Warden's actions in incidents involving H.E. & Incendiary Bombs will be given by Mr. Francis Wong, L.A.R.P.S., to Warden of District "C", Shamshui, on January 31, 1941, at 7 p.m. at District Headquarters. Warden's Classes in Chinese (Syllabus "A")
C200 Balthary Girls' School, 37 Jordan Road, Kowloon, Mon. & Sat. at 7 p.m. commencing February 3, 1941. Lecturer—Mr. Enoch Chan, L.A.R.P.S.
C201 Wah Yan College, Nelson Street, Kowloon, Wed. & Sat. at 7 p.m. commencing February 1, 1941. Lecturer—Mr. Ma Kam-kong, L.A.R.P.S.
C202 A.R.P. School, Happy Valley, Tues. & Fri. at 7.30 p.m. commencing February 7, 1941. Lecturer—Mr. Kwong Hing-wing, L.A.R.P.S.

Strength-Increase

The following have qualified as Air Raid Wardens and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:
Shamshui—3115 Chan Yuet, 3413 Chun Yan-lam, 3414 Kung Sun, 3415 Kung Yick, 3416 Miss Lam Fung-kwan, 3417 Lam Wing-on, 4317 Miss Lee Yim-bing, 3419 Miss Lee Yuen-bing, 3420 Tee Chok-ping, 3421 Mr. Wong Ching, 3422 Miss Wong Nip-ying, 3423 Miss Wong Lee-yee, 3424 Miss Yam Shuk-ching, 3425 Yu Kwok-sui, 3426 Cheuk Tim.
Mongkok—3425 Leung Yau-kam, 1702 Pang Moon-chee (on returning to the Colony), 3427 Wong Man-ming, 3428 Wong Wai-hung.
Kowloon—3401 Chan Hing, 3402 Chui Kim-hung, 3403 Lam Yiu-wing, 3404 Kwong Kwai-leung, 3405 Lam Chung-man, 3406 Leung Shek-kim, 3407 Pang Moon-chun, 3408 Wong Ho-yin, 3409 Wong Lung, 3409 Wong Wu, 3410, Yu Kam-kei, 3411 Yuen Kwok-ching.
Eastern—3381 Hui Kwok-lam.

Examination Results

The following have qualified as Air Raid Wardens but are not available for duty with the Corps—Leung Wai-kit, Lau Wai-hung, Margaret Lee.

Auxiliary Fire Service

The Superintendent, Auxiliary Fire Service, publishes the following for the information of concerned parties:
Special Parades—Special parades will be held in Hongkong Divisions at No. 2, Police Station Compound at 8.30 p.m. on February 6, and in Kowloon Division at Divisional Headquarters at 8.30 p.m. on February 7.
It is of very great importance that all members of the Auxiliary Fire Service attend, bringing with them all uniform and equipment.
Dress for parade will be rough serge uniform, top boots and full equipment. Dugger uniforms will be worn by those men not yet issued with rough serge. Certain announcements, of interest to all members, will be made, and every member is enjoined to do his utmost to attend the parades.

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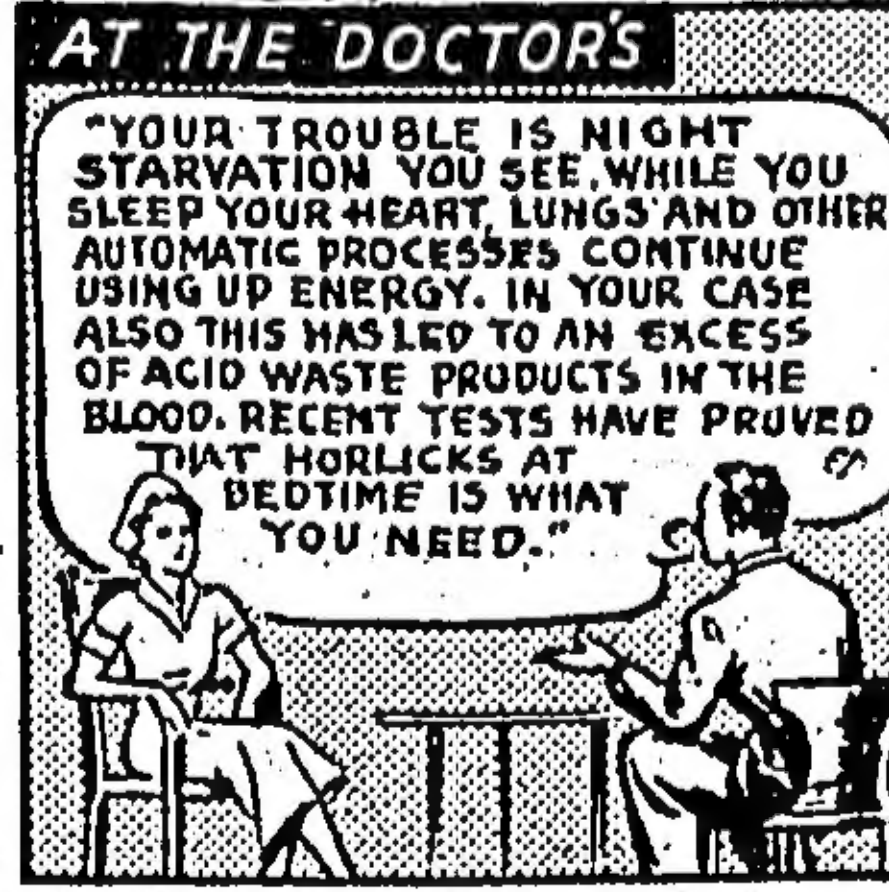
A total of \$1,550.05, C.N. 3470, U.S. 10 and 41 was reached yesterday by the War Fund, with the following donations:
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The B. C. M. Post has received the following donation from the late Mrs. Annie May: A. A. of Macao, \$50.
F. E. Thornhill, \$5.

Mr A. D. Brankston Passes On

The death occurred at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday after a long illness of Mr. A. D. (Archibald) Brankston, former surveyor of the Shing Mun Dam and an expert on Chinese art.

Mr Brankston was the son of Mr. A. B. Brankston, formerly Managing Director of the New Engineering Co. of Shanghai. He was educated at Brighton College, England, and afterwards at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, where he took the London University degree in civil engineering. He returned to the Far East in 1923, where he worked as a surveyor on the Shing Mun Dam.

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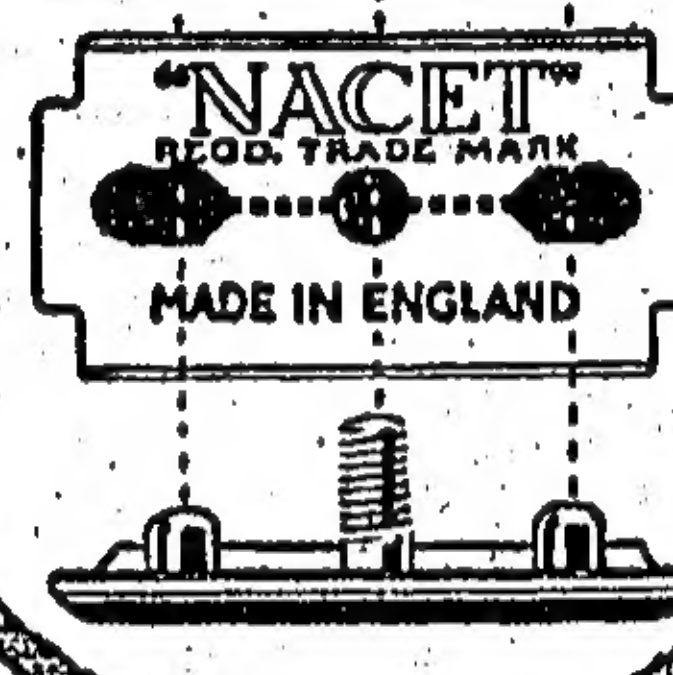
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East African Campaign

Unhappy Settlers In Ethiopia

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—It is now revealed that an Italian division which is doing so well in Eritrea was sent to the Sudan after taking part in the capture of Sidi Barrani. Owing to the unavailability of these troops, the Italian forces of Kistala had time to execute a strategic withdrawal and to escape the pincer movement that closed behind them.

British authoritative quarters are concerned with the fate of 200,000 Italian settlers in Abyssinia who are menaced by the growing tide of the patriot movement. It is gathered that many are being concentrated at places like the capital where there would be safety in numbers. The problem of food supply is sure to arise sooner or later even if any number enter Djibuti.

Victory First Is Greek Watchword

ATHENS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—"Victory First" is the watchword of the new Greek Government set forth in a proclamation issued to-night. The proclamation affirms the certainty that the fight will be carried to a victorious end and declares that the Government, at the desire of the King, "takes up the heavy heritage of continuing the magnificent work of the man who has gone."

Tribute To Metaxas
ATHENS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—A tribute to General John Metaxas as one of the "illustrious figures of Greek history" is paid by King George in a message to the Greek nation.

"With the aid of God," says the King, "Greece will live and triumph—worthy of our great ancestors, worthy of our heroes and martyrs."

LATE NEWS

Women Demonstrate Before Mr. Willkie

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war-saving propaganda chief, and a party of big businessmen.

A party of fur-coated and smartly dressed women who attempted to stage a Communist interruption were rapidly evicted almost before Mr. Willkie arrived.

Later Mr. Willkie visited Polish headquarters, meeting General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister. "My sympathies are 100 per cent. with the Polish people," he said on leaving to return to his hotel where he had an interview with the Chinese Ambassador.

Mr. Willkie is using all ration cards and police permits which foreign visitors to this country are obliged to have. They have been given him at his own request as he is anxious not to receive unwarranted privileges.

The proposed visit to Erie is not yet definitely fixed.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—There is still no news of Bose, Leftist leader who disappeared while awaiting trial.

Kulangsu's Council Inoperative

Members Resign

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
AMOY, Jan. 29 (Domei).—The Kulangsu Municipal Council has once again become inoperative as a result of three members of the Council, including the Chairman, Mr. H. L. Hitchcock and Mr. J. H. Morhaus suddenly resigning on January 23, leaving only two Japanese members.

The Council was expected to meet on January 24 in order to discuss the Municipal Council's budget, and the four-point representation handed on January 21 by the Japanese Consul-General at Amoy in connection with the shooting of Mr. Huang Chung-kun, Formosan president of the Amoy District Court on January 17.

The business of the Council was taken over by the consular body under the chairmanship of the British Consul-General, Mr. N. Fitzmaurice, according to the precedent set in 1920.

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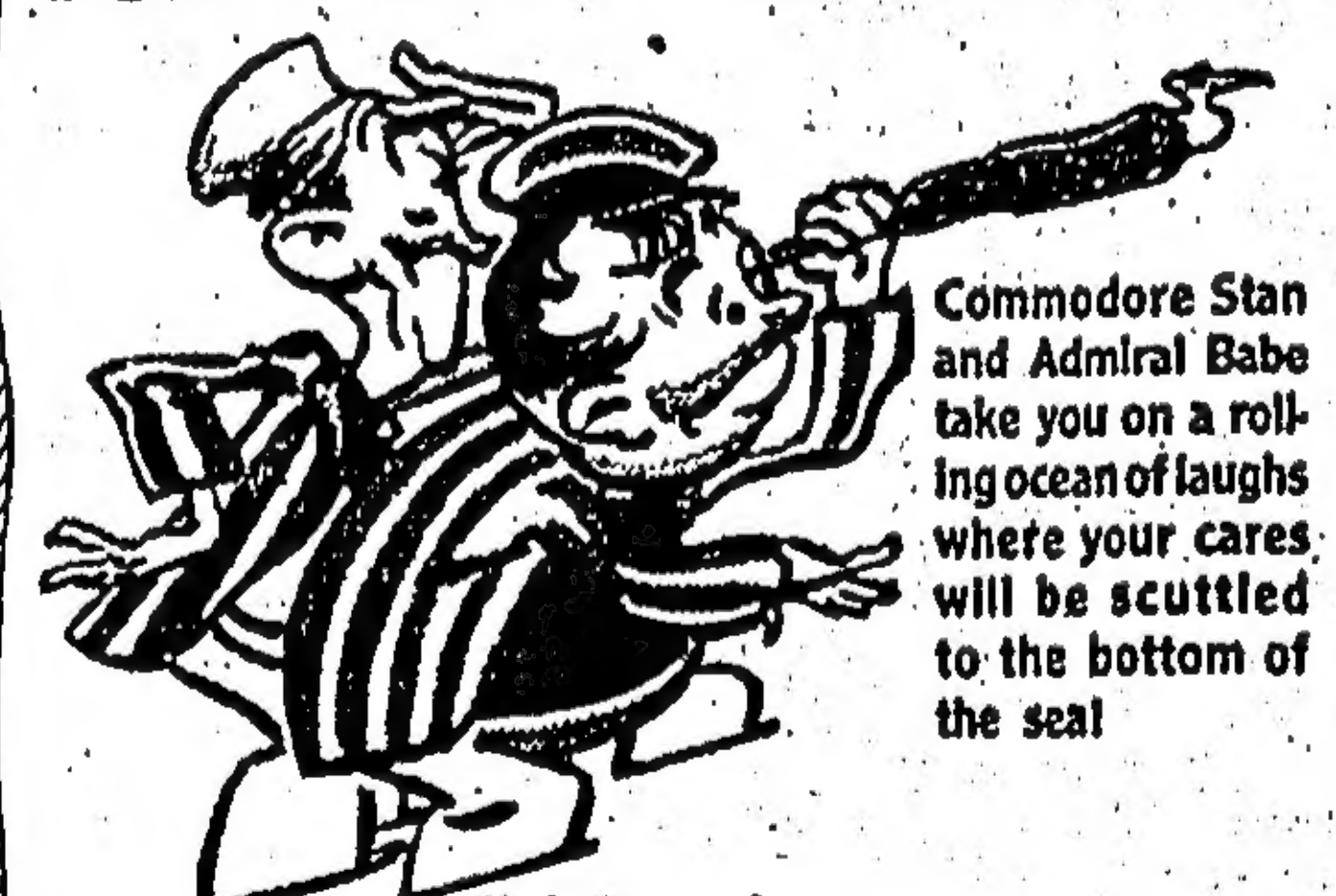
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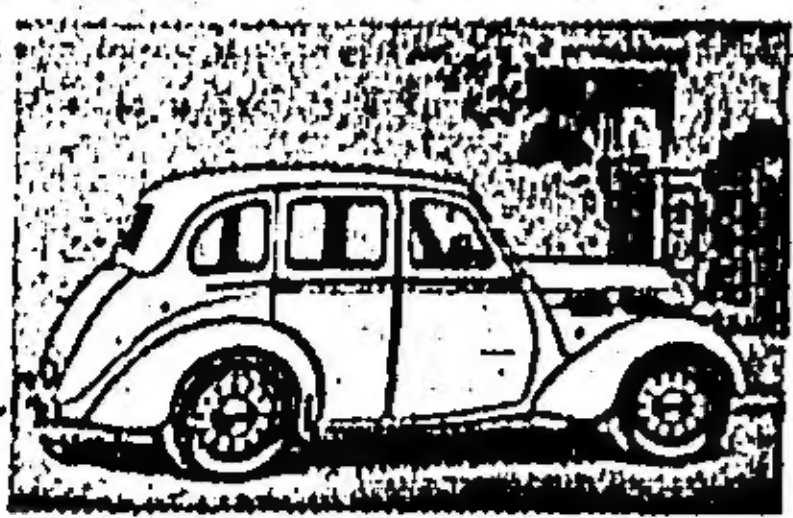
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WHITEAWAY'S

ON TO BENGHAZI: GEN. WAVELL CONTINUES OFFENSIVE IN LIBYA

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Jan. 29 (UP).—MILITARY EXPERTS HERE DECLARE THAT GENERAL WAVELL IS PRESSING ON TO BENGHAZI AS FAST AS POSSIBLE AND THAT HIS FORCES HAD ALREADY SURROUNDED MEKELE WHERE THEY ENCOUNTERED A MUCH LARGER FORCE THAN ANTICIPATED, INCLUDING BETWEEN 70 AND 80 TANKS.

THE SAME EXPERTS COMMENTED: "GENERAL WAVELL IS MARCHING ON BENGHAZI AS FAST AS HE CAN, KNOWING THAT ANY TIME NOW HE MAY ENCOUNTER OPPOSITION FROM THE GERMAN AIR FORCE."

ROAD JUNCTION COVERED

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—It is learned in authoritative circles that the Army of the Nile has now surrounded the important road junction of Mekelle south of Derna.

There is reason to believe that Italian troops cut off here comprise the remnants of the two divisions which retired from Sidi Barrani as well as a certain number of tanks and armoured vehicles.

The British advance is being facilitated by our possession of Tobruk as an advance base. There is a good supply of water at Tobruk and there are also large quantities of petrol that the Italians had not the time to destroy.

President's Powers Limited

Lease & Lend Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Three important amendments limiting the President's powers under the Lease and Lend Bill are reported to have been voted by the House Foreign Affairs Committee sitting behind closed doors.

The amendments are believed to be as follows:

- (1) To fix the expiration date as June 30, 1943;
- (2) To require President Roosevelt to consult Army and Navy chiefs before transferring military equipment;
- (3) To require periodic reports to Congress on the Lease and Lend operations.

Amendments Passed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The House Foreign Affairs Committee in a secret session to-day fixed the time limit, expiring June 30, 1943, for the President's Lease and Lend Bill.

The amendment was approved, specifically forbidding the use of United States warships on convoy duties.

The Committee inserted in the Bill provisions prohibiting the President from dispatching war material to Britain without consulting the service chiefs.

Periodical reports must be submitted to Congress on the working of the measures.

British Patrols Active
OUTSIDE DERN, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—With the air-landing of the British Imperial troops drawn up round Derna are sending out extensive patrols to probe the position of the Italians defending this small Libyan seaport.

H. Q. Communique

CAIRO, Jan. 29 (UP).—To-day's General Headquarters communique says: "Entire operations in the Agordat and Barotia sectors are developing. The close pursuit of the enemy after their withdrawal from Umm Hagar is continuing and a further 73 prisoners have been captured."

"Libya: Pressure on the enemy forces in the Derna area is increasing. Italian Somaliland: Vigorous patrol activity is continuing in numerous areas across the enemy frontier."

There has been indication during the past two days that Italian resistance is weakening.

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British China Squadron

R. A. F. Hurricane Fighters

(BY "REUTERS" AIR CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Jan. 29. — A "British China Squadron" of R. A. F. Hurricane fighters is being formed as the result of a contribution of £102,000 from British communities in China, announced the Ministry for Aircraft Production to-day.

After it has been ascertained what emblem the community requires the squadron to carry, and whether it wishes such plane to be named after some prominent personality or place, the procedure is for the Air Ministry to name a new or an existing squadron in appropriate detail. Pilots who hail from British communities in China, or are closely connected with them, may be posted to the squadron if they desire. In order further to cement the bond of British communities in China with their own fighting unit.

Phenomenal Contributions

This latest squadron to arise as the result of the phenomenal outpourings of money from British and other communities abroad for more R. A. F. fighters and bombers will join an exclusive list of similar squadrons already in the front line such as the Burma, Hyderabad and East India fighter squadrons which are shortly to be augmented, I understand, by squadrons named from both the British and Netherlands East Indies and on the African continent, Basuto and the Gold Coast.

The necessary total for a squadron of fighters or bombers are £100,000 and £200,000 respectively. Over £2,000,000 has been contributed from all parts of the world for new R. A. F. warplanes individually and in squadrons in eight months since June last.

THE KING SETS AN EXAMPLE

This happy picture of His Majesty the King illustrates the magnificent example which he is setting to the nation in these perilous and nerve-racking times. When the picture was taken His Majesty had just received the T.U.C. gold medal from Mr. George Gibson, chairman of the Trades Union Congress.



Women Demonstrate Before Mr Willkie

Food Coupon Protest

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Jan. 29 (UP).—Sixty women, carrying banners and protesting against the Government's food policy, demonstrated in the lobby of the Savoy Hotel just before the arrival of Mr. Wendell Willkie for luncheon.

The women chanted, "More food for workers." Mr. Willkie passed the demonstrators with hardly a sideways glance. They were finally ejected, some of them badly.

Full Value from U.S.A. Securities

Treasury Statement

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The forthcoming visit of Sir Edward Peacock to America to examine the possibilities of investments, such as businesses in the United States, is announced in a Treasury statement.

The statement says: "In the light of the material already shipped and contemplated by the United States, it may now be freely published that His Majesty's Government have realised and disposed of a very great proportion of their gold holdings and are steadily selling American securities owned by their nationals at every opportunity."

More Difficult Problem

"A more difficult problem is presented by investments such as businesses in the United States and United States companies controlled by companies in this country, whose shares are not quoted on the Stock Exchange. His Majesty's Government are resolved to make the best possible use of these investments and they have decided to ask Sir Edward Peacock who has great experience in such matters, to go to the United States and examine the possibilities on the spot. He will reach America very shortly."

Pension For Gen. Hertzog

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The ex-Premier, General Hertzog, who recently resigned from Parliament, will receive an annual pension of £2,000 under a special bill introduced into Parliament amid cheers from all parts of the House.

General Hertzog, who is the first Union Premier to receive a pension, had an unbroken spell of over thirty years of Parliamentary life beginning with the birth of the Union.

19 Delegates Open Indo-China Armistice Talks Without Result

Special to the "Telegraph"

SAIGON, Jan. 29 (UP).—It is officially announced that seven Japanese, six French and six Thailand delegates conferred for 30 minutes to-day beginning at 6 p.m. aboard the Japanese cruiser Natori, using the Japanese language through translators.

However, nothing was accomplished although the conclusion of the armistice talks is expected on Thursday.

While the negotiations were going on, Japanese planes from a Japanese aircraft-carrier attached to the squadron cruising off Cape Saint Jacques could be seen flying around and a French official said that the French had permitted the Japanese to carry out training flights.

He made no statement when questioned regarding the reports that the Japanese had asked for permission to fortify Camranh Bay and to use the airfield at Saigon.

M. George Gauthier, leader of the French delegation said that the French troops along the border had not fired a single shot since 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Fighting Persists

TOKYO, Jan. 29. (Domei).—Fighting between French and Thai troops is still continuing despite yesterday's orders to cease firing, reports Sennosuke Kudo, Domei staff correspondent at Bangkok, by radio-telephone this morning.

The correspondent said that although it was not known which side started, both forces commenced fighting at 10.15 on the morning of January 28 and a fierce battle continued for four hours. The Thai troops which were encircling Sisophon were gaining the upper hand, the correspondent said.

At the armistice conference, Thailand is expected to press for the demands made on September 15, last year, that France return the former Thai islands on the Mekong River and the territory along the eastern bank of the Mekong River between Luang Prabang and Pakse.

Although the return of the Cambodian area is also desired by Thailand, it is not expected that this will be pressed immediately.

U. S. NAVAL REQUIREMENTS

Senate Approves

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—A Bill authorising the allocation of \$909,000,000 for expanding naval construction facilities and building 400 small navy craft was passed by the Senate to-day and sent to the White House.

Minesweepers and submarine chasers are included among the craft to be built.

LATEST

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Further Late News

Banishee's Novel Offer To Court Of Appeal

"If I get back my property I am willing to give one third of its value to the British War Fund," said a convicted banishee at the Supreme Court this morning, when he brought an appeal against sentence before the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor.

He was Cheung Kwok-hing, and his appeal was against sentence of one year's hard labour imposed on him by Mr. G. T. Lowry, Magistrate, on September 14 for returning to the Colony after having been banished for life.

Cheung told His Lordship that it was not his intention to return to the Colony. He was caught by the Japanese at Po On, where he was forced on board a junk and landed at Lau Fau Shan, British Territory, together with 41 other persons.

His Lordship: Did you at once report to the authorities about it?

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ITALIAN AIRPORTS BOMBED

Naples And Catania

CAIRO, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Heavy bombing by the R. A. F. of Naples and Catania aerodromes as well as a railway junction and marshalling yards on Monday night were the high spots in the R. A. F. Middle East Headquarters communique.

It states that "during the night of January 27, bombers of the R. A. F. carried out a raid on the Capodichino (Naples) aerodrome. Bombs fell on a large building, setting it on fire, and other fires were started in the aerodrome."

"The central railway station and a marshalling yard at Naples were also attacked: fires and a violent explosion being caused between the station and the junction. The same night, the Catania aerodromes were raided, bombs bursting on the main runway and among the buildings on the south side of the aerodrome."

"Comiso was also visited and bombing there started fires among the buildings, which were followed by six violent explosions which were seen by our aircraft raiding Catania."

Strafing Italians On Run

"In Libya, yesterday (Tuesday), air activity was mainly confined to protective fighter patrols for our advancing troops and ground strafing of the retreating enemy between Derna and Bance."

"On the Martuba landing field, eleven Savoia bombers were found abandoned in an unserviceable condition. Three enemy fighters discovered nearby were also damaged by our earlier bombing and machine-gunning of the aerodromes."

"In Albania, fighter aircraft on patrol in the Keqelye area encountered a number of enemy aircraft and several were damaged. An important railway bridge and railway junction west of Keren, Eritrea, was successfully attacked."

Support To Troops

"General air support was given our troops in their offensive in the Agordat area."

"Aircraft of the South African air force on January 27, carried out raids in the Moyale area and many high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped. The result was not observed owing to the weather conditions."

"Reconnaissance flights were made on all fronts."

"From all operations our aircraft returned safely. In the communique on January 27 it was stated that one of our fighters operating in Libya was missing. It is now known that the pilot of this machine made a successful parachute descent and was subsequently found with only minor injuries."

Keeping Nazis In Holland

Forced Loan Prepared

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The threat of a forced loan to meet the cost of the German Army of Occupation in the Netherlands is made in the prospectus of 500,000,000 guilder four per cent. ten-year loan to which the Dutch are being asked to subscribe in order to finance the increased state expenditure, due to the fact that the Army of Occupation costs the Dutch people millions of guilders a week.

According to news received in Dutch circles in London, the prospectus threatens that in case of non-subscription a compulsory 40 year annuity-levy at 2½ per cent. will be enforced.

New Italian Bombers In Duel With R. A. F.

ATHENS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—A British fighter patrol has just fought an engagement with a formation of Italy's latest bombers over the southern Albanian front, one enemy bomber being shot down in flames.

The British patrol suffered no loss.

The headquarters of the R. A. F. in Greece states, "A formation of our fighter aircraft on an offensive patrol in southern Albania yesterday encountered a number of enemy bombers—Cantata 107 and Breda 20 types. Our aircraft at once attacked and shot down one enemy bomber in flames while several others were damaged."

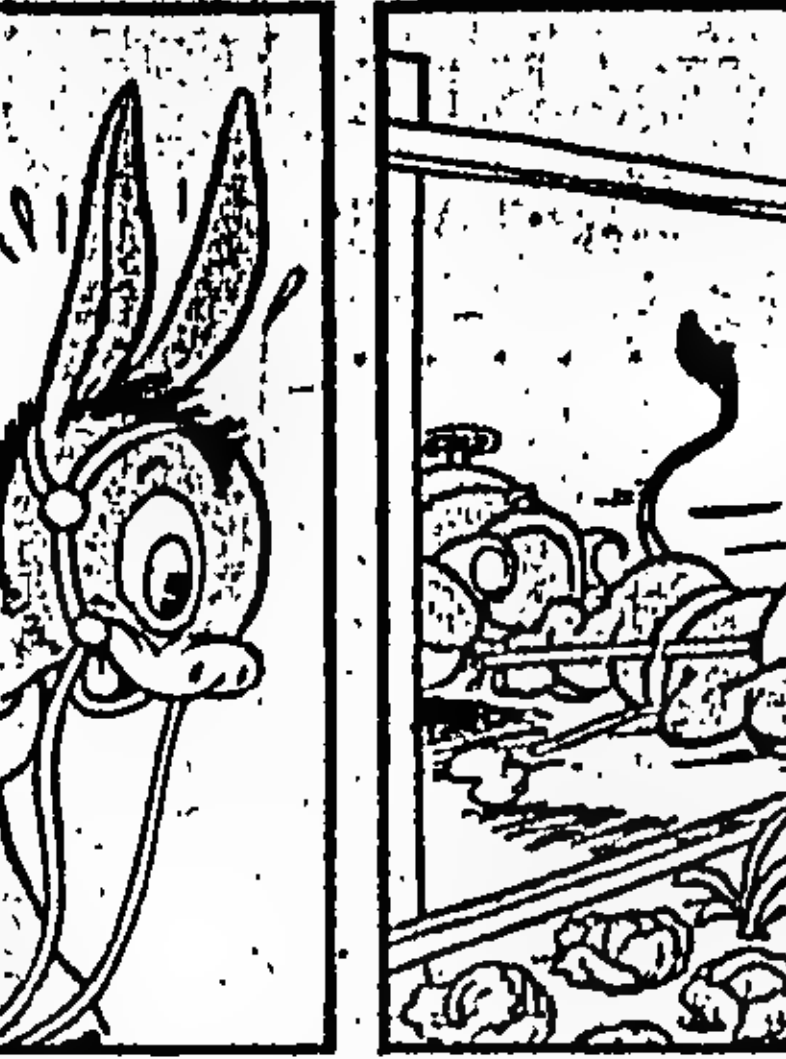
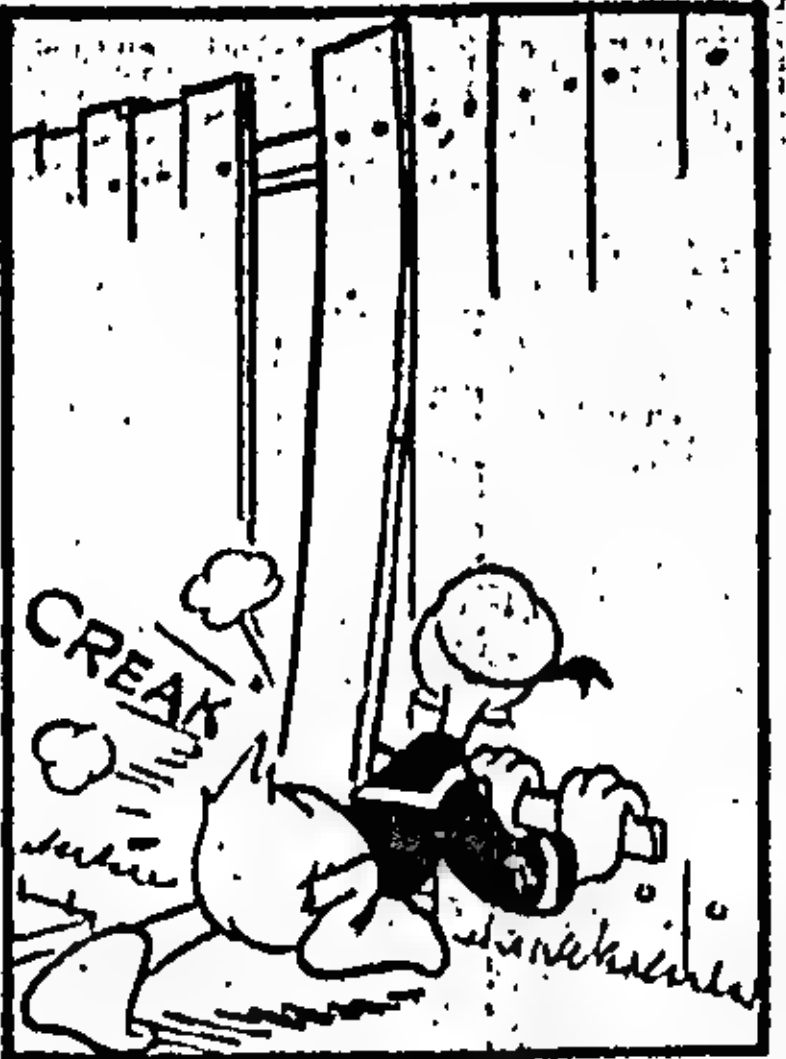
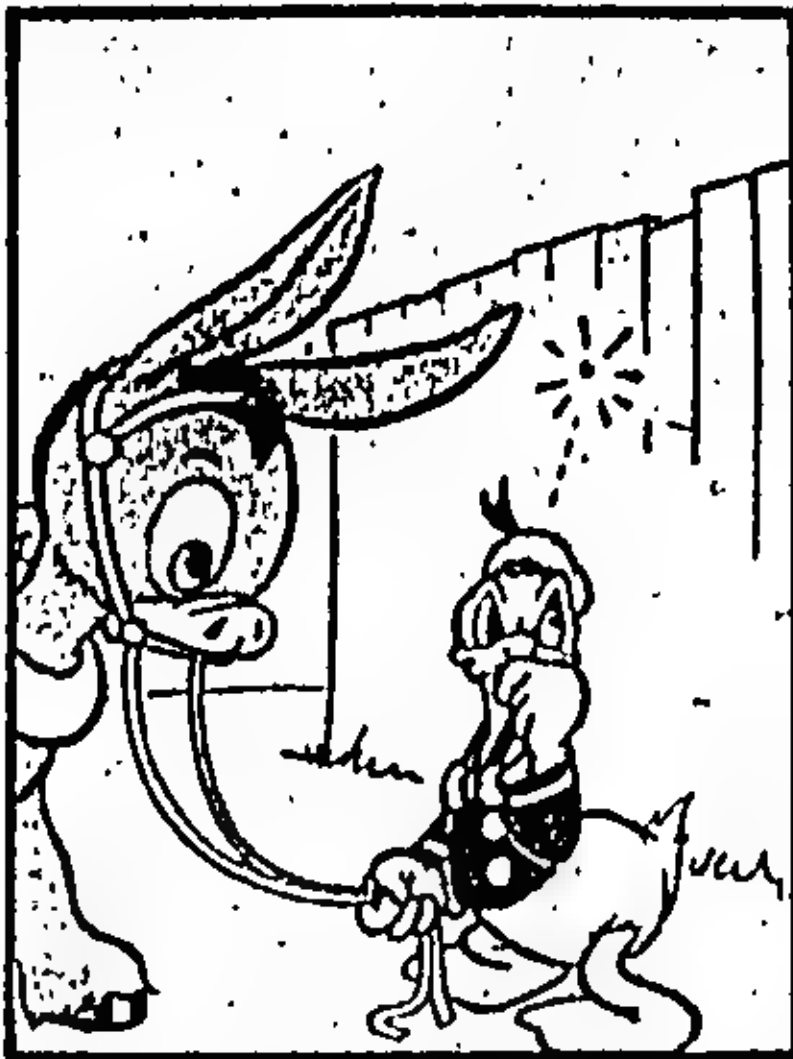
"The enemy formation was broken up successfully and deflected from its target. All our aircraft returned safely."

The Cantata 107 is one of Italy's latest bombers. Its range is reputed to be 3,000 miles. A three-engined machine, it has a top speed of 230 miles per hour.

The Breda 20 is not listed here but it is very likely the new Breda "Picehiatelli" dive-bomber with which the Italian air force hoped to emulate the deeds of the German Junkers 87 dive-bomber. Its speed is 250 miles per hour and its bomb-carrying capacity is 2,200 pounds, similar to the Nazi aircraft.

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SOCIAL SECURITY IS WAR AIM

Labour Minister Speaks Out

"I AM sometimes asked 'What are your war aims?' My war aims are summed up in the phrase: The motive of our life should be social security."

This declaration was made by Mr Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, at a Rotary Club luncheon in London.

"I think the time has come when we should not be led into the mistakes we made in the last war of merely indulging in high flown platitudes about homes for heroes and things of that kind simply to stimulate the people," he said.

"Now is the time when thoughtful people ought to be considering the real social implications of the war. After the last war there was a failure to recognise that it was largely, as indeed this one is, a great civil war, which must determine whether we are to be ruled from the top or must have government responsible to the people."

"The last 20 years has demonstrated that security cannot be attained by arms. It can only be attained by the entrenchment of power with the people."

"Immediately power is taken from the people and given to a ruler at the top or a military oligarchy then security vanishes."

Back To Disorder

"Unemployment has been the devil that has driven masses in large areas of the world to turn to dictators. You cannot have social security on the basis of the present economic order."

"We have been taught that the only motive for profit, production and enterprise is profit."

"If profit can be the only motive the natural corollary is economic disorder, and that will bring you back to the same position as you are in now, ever recurring."

"I want to give you the new motive for industry and for life. I suggest that at the end of this war, and indeed during the war, we accept social security as the main motive of all our national life."

To Benefit All

"That does not mean that all profits or surpluses would be wiped out, but it does mean that the whole of your economy, finance, organisation, science and everything, would be directed together to social security, not for a small middle class or for those who may be more possessors of property, but for the community as a whole."

The greatest social implication arising out of this war was the effort to get rid of that horrible queue outside the labour exchanges, Mr Bevin said.

"You have to stop that or stop the whole educational system. Better leave the masses untought than give them a double appetite, both of stomach and head, then not satisfy either."

"I am afraid that at the end of this war, unless the community is seized with the importance of this, you may well slip into the most revolutionary action—though I don't mind revolutions if they are well directed."

Answer To Hitler

"What I am horrified at is a blind revolution of starving men that is undirected and that ends in disaster for the whole community. You have got to offer a new feeling of hope, and example is better than precept."

"If this old country would begin to shape and direct it now and begin to weave it into its own economic life while the present struggle is going on, that would be the best answer to Hitler."

"I feel in my very bones that somehow things can never be as they were."

"A new era has to be built, and what greater contribution can we pay to those who are suffering at the moment than to say that this time it is really not in vain?"

FREE MEN can Always Beat SLAVES

WHAT sort of war is this? After more than a year's fighting we might still have no answer to this question when we look at the ruins of a battered East London street and think that a glittering metal machine, marvel of all modern science, had to fly hundreds of miles to destroy a London workman's little brick house.

And, however carefully our own men aim at military targets, there must be something of this sort on the other side, too.

So is this a war of faiths, or of men in machines dealing out death haphazardly to enemies they never see?

FREE MEN

Tom Wintringham, that refreshing and unorthodox writer on military subjects whom many knew as Commander of the British Battalion which helped to throw back Franco's Moors in 1936 in the "Miracle of Madrid," has written a book which would surely help the ordinary reader over his doubts.

From a wide sweep of military history he draws the encouraging conclusion that though tyrants at the head of vast armies of drilled slave-soldiers may set up their short-lived power, they are finally always overthrown by men trained to think for themselves as individuals and inspired by love of freedom to the "laughing, energy-infused, careless feats of courage that in time of defeat win battles." (Think of Dunkirk!)

PROOF

Fussy bureaucrats and military dictators may deny this. But Wintringham shows us how a handful of Greeks, reared in freedom, overcame a Persian king's millions. He shows how the Roman slave Spartacus almost overthrew the power of Rome with a force of slaves practically unarmed, yet fighting for freedom.

He shows how the free, quick-thinking English yeomen routed the armoured French knights with their "doctrinaire" feudal military rules. And so to modern struggles, to Washington's "straggling gang in bad boots" who yet won a free America from professional German soldiers; to another rabble which

became the citizen army of the French Revolution; to the inspired defence of Madrid in our own days.

BACK IN 1918

But Wintringham's most important chapter is that which deals with the men of the British Tank Corps, who, in Wintringham's opinion, really won the war of 1918.

The Nazis claim that the German armies were never beaten in 1918. And one thing is true: the blows suffered by the Allies in spring and early summer, 1918, were probably no less than those answering Allied attacks before which the Kaiser's drilled army broke and collapsed.

OUR HOPE

But what happened on the British side? The tanks, new weapons, manned by men, as Wintringham says, from "among the highest-grade personnel of the engineering and allied trades," by "the cream of the British working-class."

These men, "laughing about battles while they attended to the oiling of a gun-swivel or saw to a sprocket," went into action and, out of the worst defeat, smashed the way to victory.

And from these men, not barrack-drilled, but trained to think, we should draw our hope. Wintringham finished his book, the free volunteers of Britain's Home Guard were digging pits against the coming of German tanks, and it seemed like a war of men against machines.

WHAT OF TO-DAY?

To-day, in the great air-bombing battles, may at times seem like a war of machines against machines. But machines do not decide; both sides can produce machines.

The decision must be won by the ordinary people of London and Britain, on whose power to resist the severest bombing victory depends—and by hundreds and thousands of ordinary British skilled and unskilled workmen on whose brains and endurance depends our ability to out-arm the Nazi Empire.

FAITH WILL WIN

And such power and endurance can only come if the ordinary people are inspired by faith in freedom. Wintringham shows this; the lesson of France underlines it; it is for the British Government not to lose sight of it during this long winter ahead.

* "Armies of Freedom" (Labour Book Service), 2s. 6d.

'Messages' From Sir Oliver Lodge

UNDER conditions of complete secrecy, the greatest investigation into after-life is going on at the London headquarters of the Society for Psychical Research.

Locked up in their safe is the sealed envelope containing the "test" message left with them by Sir Oliver Lodge, famous scientist and spiritualist, before his death.

They are now receiving frequent messages from mediums who claim that they have been in touch with the dead scientist.

Their evidence is being filed unopened with the "test" message. On a date yet to be fixed the envelopes will be opened and the messages compared.

An official of the society admitted that messages, claimed to have been from Sir Oliver, had been received, but refused to comment on them.

"A special procedure aiming at giving the greatest possible value to the test is being followed out," she said. "Evidence is being assembled but it will not be made known until the 'test' message is opened."

The date has not yet been fixed, but it will not be for a considerable time yet."

Commenting on the fact that spiritualists were claiming to have made contact with Sir Oliver Lodge, an official of the Marylebone Spiritualist Association—one of the largest in the country—said that a flood of messages purporting to be from Sir Oliver was to be expected.

ORDINARY

"Mediums are only human beings," he said, "and frequently very ordinary human beings. Messages which they receive they are inclined to link with things that are uppermost in their minds or with public figures like Sir Oliver."

"The same thing happened after the death of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle." Sir Oliver himself claimed many times to have communicated with his dead wife and son Raymond—killed in the last war—and his book on this theme caused one of the greatest sensations in scientific circles.

In this book he published the "messages" he had received from his wife and son.

Of his own "test" he said before he died: "I shall try to give a message. But it might take as long as a year. I shall not get anything in a hurry."

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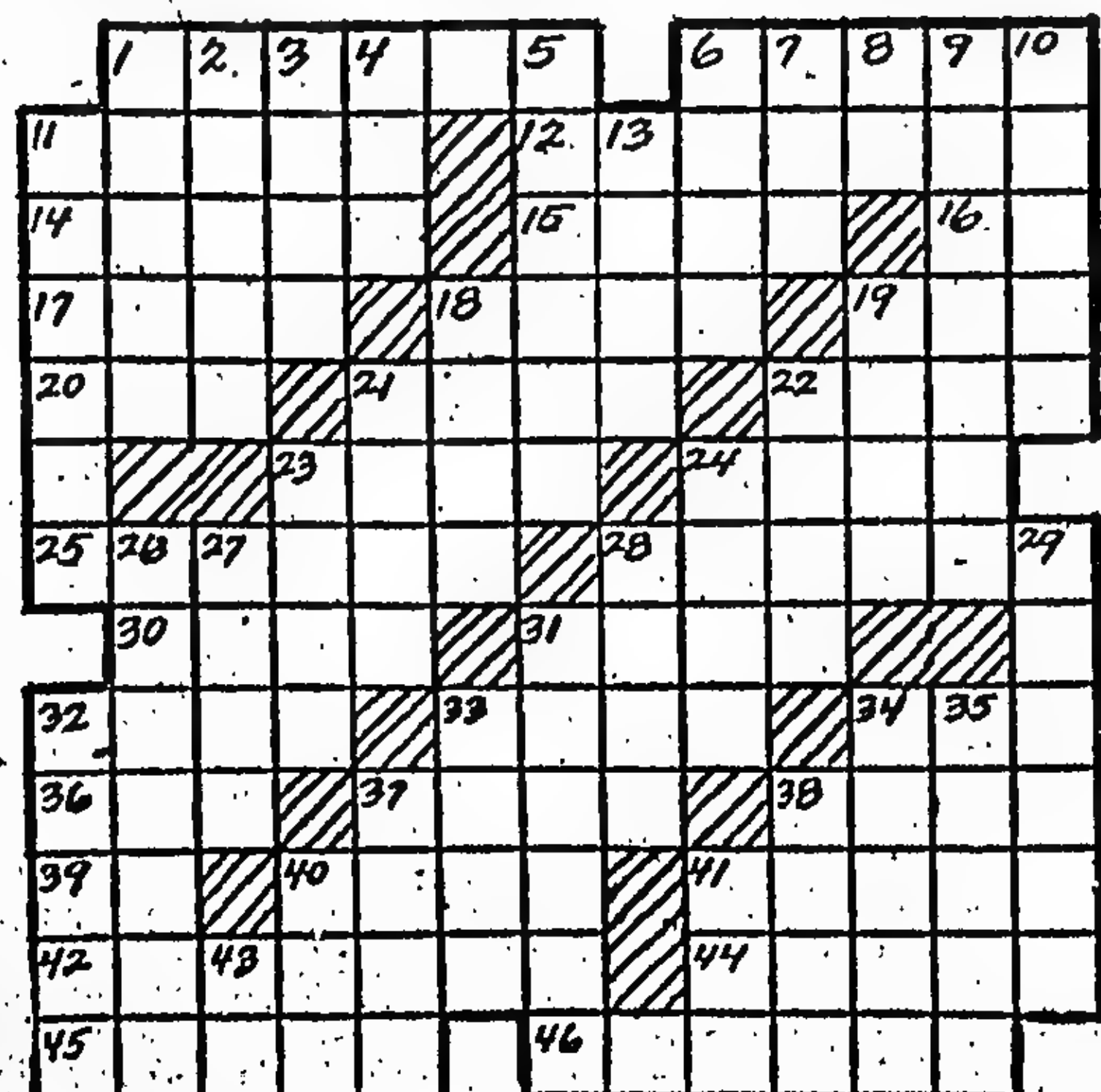
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1-Cattle food
- 2-Dusted clay
- 3-Prohibit
- 4-Pushed aside
- 5-All
- 6-Propel
- 7-No good (slang)
- 8-Announce
- 9-Prison
- 10-Observe
- 11-Aner
- 12-In addition
- 13-Prejudice
- 14-Email valley
- 15-Magazine of type
- 16-Follows closely
- 17-Gravitational attraction
- 18-Monster
- 19-Peel
- 20-Let it stand
- 21-Impertinent talk
- 22-Mineral spring
- 23-Worthless fellow
- 24-Arrange
- 25-In quest of
- 26-Poetical
- 27-Wild fear
- 28-Primrose
- 29-Organs

DOWN

- 1-About
- 2-School out
- 3-Mistaken
- 4-Dave
- 5-In bed
- 6-Large beetle
- 7-Exclamation of pain
- 8-Underneath
- 9-Rings
- 10-Portrait
- 11-Wine dregs
- 12-Rickshaw
- 13-Warble
- 14-Colorless
- 15-Bubble up
- 16-Pith
- 17-Exceptional deed
- 18-Thing that rustles
- 19-Matured
- 20-Custom
- 21-Dare
- 22-Carding machine
- 23-Itasca
- 24-Makes sound of dove
- 25-Spanish title
- 26-Aches
- 27-Whirl
- 28-Labyrinth
- 29-Consumed
- 30-Seal container
- 31-Concerning



LEAVING Shakespeare's Moon out of a radio adaptation of "Pyramus and Thisbe" produced a barrel of fun and lively discussion among educators at the Fourth Annual School Broadcast Conference in Chicago recently.

"Wind" had been left in. "Bottom's" voice from the radio had proclaimed:

"We present the Wind."

And Wind had howled industriously. But "Moon"—not a word was said about him. And how, demanded indignant school leaders in a discussion from the floor, could you properly tell a love story, especially this love story of Shakespeare's, without mentioning the Moon? Moonlight—why, everyone knew the world over that moonlight is associated with "love." Wasn't violence being done to Shakespeare?

"Shakespeare was kidding the stage of his day," defended Erik Barnouw of Columbia University, who wrote the script for the radio adaptation. "Pyramus and Thisbe" was a satire."

The howling of Wind, declared Mr Barnouw, fitted perfectly the buffoonery of the other players. You couldn't put Moon's lantern

MUCH ADO ABOUT THE MOON

on the radio. How could you bring Moon in? Besides, Wind made a beautiful sound—very horrid. Moon was colourless, by comparison.

A Moon defender jumped up. "Just let Moon say his lines. That would tell listeners enough."

Moon—love. Wind? Humpf! And so a vote was taken.

But after all—school administrators, superintendents, teachers have a good bit of small boy and girl in them still, as you shall see. "Wind" did make a lovely sound on the radio. He fairly made you shiver. And—in the voting "Wind" won.

The radio programme follows a stage presentation of "Pyramus and Thisbe," to show the changes needed to translate a play from the school stage to radio. "Pyramus and Thisbe" presented particularly difficult problems and for that reason Mr Barnouw chose it. He

wanted to show what could be done.

As Shakespeare had it, you'll remember, there was concern about "Lion's" roaring and frightening the Duke's ladies. On the radio, it was said, with good-natured fun in Shakespeare's own vein:

"Will not the children be afeard of the lion? I tell you the children will not sleep after hearing it."

"Well, we'll have an announcement, and the announcement will say it is not a lion."

At the end of the play, as the Duke started to leave, Bottom explored him to wait for the epilogue, and the Duke airily replied:

"Never listen to the very end of the programme. It is certain to contain some commercial announcements."

Faithful to the letter of the intent of the author, or faithful in catching the spirit of the author's intent and translating it in terms of the radio medium—those are the two schools of thought in adapting material for the radio, said Wynn Wright of the National Broadcasting company, who directed the play.

Well—Moon or Wind? Moon and Wind? It was fun anyway. Shakespeare would have liked it.



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A WAR PROBLEM

THE wars in Europe and Asia are long affairs and before they are over the face of many things will be changed; the acceptance of facts now strange and unthinkable will have become commonplace. In Asia already the figures of the dead and wounded have climbed over the million mark since August, 1936. In Europe the corresponding figures are in their hundreds of thousands.

Both totals will grow and in their impersonal, colourless columns will be the names of people acknowledged to be great among us; the names of youngsters whose untried lives fell before the dull brutality of bombs; the names of the aged whose sky-lighted passing must be fraught with frustration that an allotted span had not exceeded the age of carnage.

In point of fact the world faces a drastic curtailment of white peoples which will be particularly pointed because of the drain on males and the accentuation of unbalance produced by the first World War. These ravages will take generations to remedy. The position in Asia will scarcely be so acute because life has always been prolific and families to which millions have succumbed have had little permanent effect; women have suffered equally with men and concubinage, has always been a means to balance a disproportionate number of females.

Although the Battle of Britain has taken a heavy toll of civilians it is a fair assumption that the manpower of all the belligerents will suffer greatest losses. Germany early saw the need of a greatly increased birth-rate and offered financial inducements to larger families. France followed suit and Italy soon took up the cry. Under the Nazi regime the financial prize was not sufficient and the Germans, almost officially, removed the halo from marriage, encouraged promiscuity among the young unmarried and bullied the lawfully wedded into furnishing youngsters for the State. Japan is now looking askance at her own population and is seeking an average family of five. Britain's birth-rate was the serious concern of the Government a few years ago when attention was drawn to the decline in population but Government never took the matter to the point of intrusion into the family life.

Evacuation of masses of populations, the enforced separation of husbands and wives fighting in distant lands and the prospects of a long war give these problems a keener note. It is possible that the "test tube" baby may again make its bow on the platform of public consideration. Experiments on human beings have shown that the theory can be put into practice and remain safe. To all but exceptional people the idea is repugnant and unnatural, but war has a way of breaking down these prejudices.

China's Fortunes On The Mend

— by —
O. M. GREEN

former Editor of the "North-China Daily News," writing in "The Listener."

THE war in China has suddenly entered on an extremely interesting phase. After a spring and summer of almost complete quiescence, the Chinese have taken the offensive in several directions and have scored notable successes. At the same time, there is much to suggest that the Japanese are finding their present position in China too great for their strength and are desperately trying to rectify it.

Let us look back a little. In the past twelve months Fate has dealt hardly with the Chinese. Just a year ago they lost Nanning, a key-point near the border of Indo-China. This meant the loss of a valuable road by which they had drawn supplies through the French Colony. Then the Japanese pushed up the Yangtze and seized Ichang at the foot of the mountain barrier through which the Great River passes down the famous gorges. This gave them an air base within five hundred miles of Chungking, of which they have made merciless use to bomb the capital. Then came the French collapse, the Japanese control of northern Indo-China and the closure of the railway into South China; finally, the closing for three months of the Burma Road. It is true that the Chinese had three times sharply defeated the Japanese when they tried to extend their grip. But this could not compensate them for the loss of their last direct communications with the sea.

BOOT ON THE OTHER LEG

In central China around the Lower Yangtze, the fighting which began in late September spreads over so huge a field, probably not less than two hundred miles square, that I can only mention two points. One was the recapture of a town called Matang on the south bank of the Yangtze, the possession of which would enable the Chinese to worry Japan's shipping up and down the river considerably. The other is the defeat of the Japanese force at Shaohsing. It happens to be the most famous wine-growing district in China, but is chiefly interesting because it was the landing of a Japanese army in Hangchow Bay in October, 1937, which turned the Chinese flank at Shanghai and forced them to retreat. Now the boot is on the other leg.

Greatest triumph of all was the Chinese recapture of Nanning on October 29, after a week's hard fighting. The Japanese say they gave up Nanning voluntarily as their occupation of Northern Indo-China had made it useless to them. But this is highly improbable. Chinese official reports are quite

explicit and experience all through the war has shown that such reports are generally trustworthy. The Japanese would be well aware of the tremendous moral effect which their abandonment of such a place as Nanning—even if it were done voluntarily—would have all through China. Also its possession opens the way to Lungchow, a port through which a lot of trade before they lost Nanning. They are reported already to have regained Lungchow.

The Chinese General commanding in these operations is Pai Chung-hsi, the most brilliant of all the Chinese leaders. He is the idol of his troops, hardy mountaineers of Kwangsi, the province which borders Indo-China, men who can march incredible distances on the meagre rations. They are probably the most formidable soldiers in China.

THE BURMA ROAD

One word about the Burma Road. The Japanese claim to have cut it to pieces with bombs. The Chinese assert positively that traffic continues regularly along it without serious interruption. In this connection it is to be remembered that Japanese aviators never succeeded in interrupting railway services for more than two or three hours; and that during the fighting at Shanghai three years ago they never hit the motor road to Nanking, though it was right under their noses and abounds in bridges.

While there is no doubt about what happened at Nanning there are also distinct indications that the Japanese are preparing to shorten their alarmingly long lines elsewhere. The Chinese report that the extreme south of China is practically clear of them. They have withdrawn from Bias Bay near Hongkong. They are believed to be getting out of Swatow—one hundred and seventy-five miles north of Hongkong. They are reported to be reducing the garrison in Shanghai. And the Chinese think that they are also considering a withdrawal from Ichang, the place I mentioned a moment ago.

That part of China which the Japanese have invaded is two thousand miles long and in places eight hundred to one thousand miles deep. Scattered over this, they are estimated to have one million men, few enough to hold down so huge a territory, of which fully three-quarters behind and between the Japanese lines is still completely under the Chinese Government's control.

THE PRICE OF AGGRESSION

Besides her armies in China, Japan has to keep some three hundred thousand men in Manchuria, and at least as many, probably some thousands more, in Korea, Formosa and Japan itself. Her losses in the war, killed, died of disease and disabled, are estimated by neutral observers at about three-quarters of a million.

Here is another important fact. The Japanese Ministry of Welfare recently drew serious attention to the fact that out of two million seven hundred thousand youths between the age of fifteen and twenty-five when medically examined, only twenty-seven per cent. passed the tests, owing to the low standard of living in Japan. Yet the Japanese Military Propaganda Department is urging the people to make still greater sacrifices, and to cut down their eating, particularly of rice, their staple diet.

With these figures before one, one may well conclude that Japan is feeling the strain on

her man-power, especially as it is known that her industries are feeling the want of labour. At the same time, it is clear that her foreign policy is causing her no little perplexity. The signature of the Three Power Pact is not working out at all as its authors expected, partly owing to Great Britain's refusal to be crushed by Hitler, partly owing to America's pugnacious reactions. The evacuation of Americans from Japan, and many also from China, has made the Japanese public so uneasy that Mr. Matsukata, the Foreign Minister, was recently driven to issue a statement saying that he cannot conceive what has induced America to take such steps as the situation in the Far East has not in any way been changed by the Three Power Pact.

THE SOUTHWARD MOVEMENT

Another factor is to be considered. The case with which Japan has established herself in Indo-China has converted many Japanese leaders to what the Navy has always preached, namely that Japan's destiny lies on the sea and in Southern Asia. This certainly begins to look more attractive than the Army's prolonged and expensive failure to crush General Chiang Kai-shek. There is no lack of close observers who believe that Japan is planning to pull in her horns as far as she can without loss of material interests in China, in order to launch out on new schemes of spoliation in Indo-China and other possible regions.

Be that as it may, she certainly has excellent reasons for trying to reduce her commitments in China. It has often been pointed out that she never ought to have allowed herself to launch out from the five northern provinces, which she easily overran in the first two months of the war. They are stuffed with the things she needs—coal, iron, cotton, etc. The lie next to Manchuria, her own ground, and have for the most part a natural frontier on the south and west, easily defended, the Yellow River. China could never have evicted her. Instead, the Japanese Generals allowed themselves to be led on all over China by insane ambitions of conquest and illusory dreams of a new order in East Asia, and now the problem is to trim the cloth of their tattered garment to a more wearable pattern.

CHINA IS CONFIDENT

But will that be easy? The Chinese have already a regular army of two-and-a-half millions. Their estimated available man-power is twenty-three millions. They also have at least one million guerrillas. The guerrillas are indifferently armed, it is true, but they are so agile that it is impossible to pin them down to pitched battle, and they are invaluable in harrying the Japanese from behind, cutting off their supplies—most of the guerrillas, by the way, are armed with Japanese weapons—and they are making a mess of the Japanese communications.

Wherever the Japanese may try to shorten their lines, the Chinese will be at them like hornets. As is well known, there is nothing more difficult in warfare than a rearguard action, and the Japanese would have to fight not one but fifty of these without enough men to concentrate efficiently at any point against the swarms of Chinese attackers.

Bismarck, I believe, once said that there were a hundred ways of getting into England, but only one of getting out. I do not for a moment imagine that the Japanese even begin to think of getting out of China. Nor do the Chinese, who frankly admit that they have still a long struggle and possibly many disappointments yet to face. But they are perfectly confident, and more and more foreigners agree with them, that sooner or later the Japanese, who plunged into China so easily, will realise that to get out again is a very different matter.

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

Getting Into HOT WATER

From the diary of a journalist who is now a soldier.

"GET ready for a bath," said the Sergeant. "Get your towels and your soap."

"Don't let me catch nobody trying to duck out of it, or so help me I'll come and get him if he's in the middle of a shoe-shine, shave or a haircut, and run him into the cooler so fast his feet won't touch the ground!" "Come on there! Get out of it! Towels, under your arms! Cleanliness is next to godliness, and therefore compulsory!"

The Lad from the Elephant and Castle asked if the water was hot. "Is the water hot?" said the Sergeant, with dreadful scorn. "Yes, the water is hot."

"And I'm going to wash your little back, I am, and rub you with eau de ruddy Cologne, and dust your little tummy with violet powder."

"Get crackling! Is the water hot? What is this Army coming to?" "The bath-house is long and severe, scoured by fatigue-men to a naked purity."

It is made up of cubicles. In each cubicle there is a shower, with an indicator marked "Cold—Tepid—Hot—Off."

Turn it to "Cold," and sure enough cold water comes out. Turn it to "Tepid," and cold water still comes out. Try "Hot," and the rose don't give a damn.

Of the shower goes off like Old Reliable, the Great Geyser, in an awful fit of boiling water and super-heated steam.

Somewhere between "Hot" and "Tepid" there is a point at which nice warm water can be got. But this is world of good. A delicate thing to achieve. Getting at it is like balancing a feather on the end of your nose—you can't do it unless you are born with the knack.

The Yorkshireman says, "Eh, I'm starved!" The Good Boy from Godalming uses the first naughty word of his Army career; and adds, "I'm boiled!" A thick steam rises, impregnated with the smell of a dozen kinds of soap, from the good old biting red carbolic to the scented stuff that film stars use.

There is a sound of slapping. Then inevitably—somebody starts to sing. It is the Kid from Widney, with his everlasting "Frees." I don't know why a man bursts into song as soon as he gets into warm water.

The Ingletton Grocer lets out a few bars of "On Ilkley Moor Baht 'At," and the Tall Boy from Sunderland retallies with a couple of bursts of the Volga Boat Song.

Then the Sergeant raises his voice. The howitzer roars against the popguns. "Outside! Out of it! You great babies! I have to chase you in, and then I have to chase you out! Come on!"

As the noise subsides, I hear him remarking to a corporal:—"It's funny to see the change. When they first come, they're like aly little girls. They stand just like the bird in that picture 'September Morn'."

Now, they're at their ease. They forget how they use to need privacy.

"They eat in one room, sleep in one room, bath in one room, and comes out. Try 'Hot,' and the rose don't give a damn."

"There's one thing to be said for this life. It broadens your outlook. It knocks some of the ruddy nonsense out of you."

"It makes the rookies get together. 'Come on, come on, come on!'" "Get out of them showers, you slaves, and get dressed!"

Free French Raid On Italian-Held Oases

LONDON, Jan. 29. (Reuter).—The recent raid into Italian Libya by the Free French forces is the subject of a communiqué issued by General de Gaulle's headquarters in London.

The communiqué states: "In the course of January, elements of our troops in Chad, acting under the command of General de Larnat, carried out a deep raid into Libya in the region of Fezzan. Our troops reached and destroyed the base at Murzak and destroyed the post at Gatrak, inflicting on the enemy serious losses in men and material. Several Italian planes were destroyed on the ground."

The communiqué adds that General de Gaulle has conferred the Croix de l'Ordre de la Libération posthumously upon Lieut-Col Dornano, commander of the detachment, who was killed at Murzak.

WOMAN SUES HERSELF

A WOMAN sued herself at Leeds Assizes recently—and was awarded £659 damages against herself.

She is Mrs Kathleen May Wiggins, of Chestnut-avenue, Wheatley Hill, Doncaster.

This is how this strange action arose:—Her six-year-old son, Terence, was killed when travelling on a car driven by his father last year.

Mr Wiggins had since died. Mrs Wiggins sued as administratrix of her son for damages for loss of the expectation of life.

She defended the action as administratrix, of her dead husband. Counsel appeared for and against Mrs Wiggins.

Liability was not contested, and the action was brought to ascertain what amount of damages was fair.

Gilbertian Situation
Mr Justice Tucker, commenting on the case, said:—

"Whether or not this Gilbertian situation is permissible as a matter of practice I do not know. The fact that by consent of the parties I am dealing with the action is not to be taken as being any authority that an action can be so constituted."

"We know that Mrs Wiggins, as administratrix of her husband, is really an insurance company."

Golf
The following were the results in the first and second rounds in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Captain's Cup Competition (1940):—

First round—(10) beat A. J. Dennis (10) five and four; K. S. Robertson (10) beat G. Thompson (10) three and two; L. B. Purves (10) beat H. A. Mills (10) three and two.

Second round—Megarry received a walk-over from L. L. Kelly, who scratched; W. S. Hillier (10) beat A. W. Brown (10) two and one; T. Low (12) beat W. W. Sheehan (10) six and four; J. Linaker (15) beat S. L. Lloyd four and two; A. B. Purves beat K. S. Robertson three and two; J. C. Howard (17) beat J. V. Clague (10) four and three; H. Overy (10) beat A. H. McBride (12) four and three; G. L. L. (17) beat F. C. Young (14) seven and six.

Stubbs Shield
The following were the results in the second and third rounds of the Stubbs Shield Competition:—

Second Round—H. K. S. R. A. beat G. L. S. R. A. on a walk-over; Army Audit Staff beat 12th Heavy Regt. R.A.; Public Works Dept beat Hongkong and Shanghai Bank four and three; Education Dept beat R.A.O.C. on a walk-over; 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. beat Dairy Farm Co. four and two; A.H.P. Wardens beat John D. Hutchison and Co. six and four; Butterfield and Swire beat Post Office Dept five and four; Dowell and Co. beat Government Medical Dept three and two.

Third Round—Army Audit Staff, Public Works Dept, beat Education Dept. six and four; 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. beat 12th Heavy Regt. R.A. three and two; Butterfield and Swire beat Dowell and Co. three and two.

NEW YEAR MEETING
The Bogey Par Fours over the New Course, Fanling, during the Chinese New Year meeting attracted 30 entries and was won by D. S. Edwards (5) who was three up. The Bogey Par Fours over the Old Course attracted 22 entries and was won by D. S. Robb (7) who was two down. The Medal round over the Old Course was won by S. L. Lloyd with a card of 80-9 71. There were 23 entries.

The Mixed Competition at Fanling and the Happy Valley (Bogey Par) were cancelled.

HITLER-PETAINE
LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Hitler and Petain may meet again shortly, according to the Ankara radio, which declared to-night that there were "certain persistent reports" suggesting such a move.

STOCK EXCHANGE ENQUIRY FOR BELGIAN BONDS
LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was generally quiet and irregular. Gilt-edged holdings drifted down slightly after early trading, but closed steady.

Industrialists encountered some provincial selling and home rails tended to be easier, but oils were firm and there was further speculative enquiry in European bonds, notably Belgian, four per cent.

Wall Street was irregular.

Large Units Rugger League Makes A Start

R. Scots 24 M'sex 3
R. A. 9 Small Units 5

FIRST MATCHES in the Army Large Units Rugby League made a start at Soekunpoo yesterday with two matches, in the first of which the Royal Scots trounced the Middlesex 24 points (three goals and three tries) to 3 (a try), and in the second Royal Artillery beat Combined Small Units 9 points (three tries) to 5 (a goal).

Scots v. Middlesex
Royal Scots were all over Middlesex. Tackling on both sides was bad, while Middlesex further contributed to their downfall with faulty passing. Man and Berry were the outstanding figures in the Middlesex XV.

Bateman, Douglass, Garrie and Patterson scored for Scots in the first half, two of the tries being converted by Miller with excellent kicks; in the second period, Douglass touched down again for Ford to convert, and finally Patterson went over for an unconverted try.

Middlesex's only points were scored in the closing minutes when Berry hurled himself over the line for an unconverted try.

R. A. v. Comb. Small Units
Hamilton (Small Units) full back) was the outstanding player of the game. He tackled courageously and well, and on several occasions was the means of preventing the Gunners from scoring.

Tackling was high and generally ineffective. First blood to the Gunners came when Dawson broke through with a grand run from halfway and crossed the line. The try was unconverted.

Then shortly before the interval Skipwith sent Page over for the second unconverted try, and Gunners' last tally was when Bompos went over in the far corner.

Reward
It was not until just before the end that Small Units were rewarded for their efforts. Coombes broke away and transferred to Pollock who in turn sent out to Lithauer who scored between the posts. Coombes added the points.

Royal Engineers Beat Club "A"
Royal Engineers beat Club "A" at Happy Valley by 14 points (a goal and three tries) to 8 (two tries). Foley, Picton, Dobson and Davies scored for the Engineers, Foley converting one, while Carruthers touched down for Club.

Army Quadrangular XV
The following will represent Army against Police in the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament fixture of the season, on the Police ground on Saturday at 4.15 p.m.:—

L/Cpl Picton (R.E.), Ddr Richards (R.A.), Capt. Hook (R.A.), Capt. Douglas (R.A.), and Pte MacDonald (R.A.M.C.); and Pte MacDonald (R.A.M.C.), Capt. Combes (R.A.M.C.), Cpl. Suttie and (Royal Scots), 2/Lieut. Ford (Royal Scots), 2/Lieut. Bompos (R.A.), (Royal Scots), 2/Lieut. Picton (R.A.), (Royal Scots), Capt. Duke (Royal Scots) and Sgt. Gillan (Middlesex).

Reserves—L/Cpl Foley (R.E.), Pte Berry (Middlesex), 2/Lieut. Edillon (R.A.), Capt. Harvey (R.A.M.C.) and L/Sgt. Marsh (R.A.).

"Bevin Boys"
NEW DELHI, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Mr M. S. A. Hydari, Secretary of the Labour Department, has been appointed by the Government of India to be its representative on the Eastern Group Supply Council.

The first batch of "Bevin Boys" have been selected from artisans employed in Indian factories for training in the United Kingdom under the Bevin scheme. Aged 18 to 35 they include electricians, fitters and blacksmiths from all classes all over India and they are described as the advance guard of India's industrial army.

London Raid Alert
LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The ten days' lull in the night air over London was broken by an early alert to-night, shortly after which heavy gunfire was heard in the central districts.

Shower Of Incendiaries
The raid was over before midnight. Incendiaries were showered on several parts but everywhere fire watchers were ready to deal with them.

Elsewhere in the country, activity was again slight. The night was marked by fire from German long-range guns across the Channel. A number of shells fell on Dover at irregular intervals but no casualties so far have been reported.



VACATION BOUND—Edward J. Flynn, Democratic National Chairman, who conducted the successful campaign for President Roosevelt after the resignation of Jim Farley, leaves for a vacation with his wife after the election.

Sydney Now Empire's Air Service Base

The provision in Sydney of engine overhaul workshops for the Empire flying-boats is proving invaluable in the maintenance of the British overseas air mail.

When Italy entered the war, all Mediterranean flying-boat bases were closed to the Empire service. German air patrols from France and the bombing of the British coast meant that a passenger, mail, and freight service from Australia to Southampton, and later to Hythe, could not be safely and regularly operated.

A survey of alternative routes, governed by the range of the existing Empire flying boats and the landplanes operated by British Overseas Airways, Ltd., shows that the best alternative route to Britain was via Egypt, and then southwards through Africa to the Cape.

There was a second alternative route from Australia to Britain across the Indian Ocean, with strategic connections from Cocos Island to Singapore, from Diego Garcia to Colombo and India, from the Seychelles to Mombasa, and then by way of rivers and lakes to the west coast of Africa. This route was surveyed in 1939 by Captain P. G. Taylor.

Unfortunately the British Airways had no flying-boats with sufficient range to fly the Indian Ocean route. The ordering of the P.B.Y. 6 flying-boats by the Commonwealth Government, however, changes the entire perspective, and pilots who have been used to machines with a standard range of some 1,000 miles now have at their disposal aircraft with a still air range of 4,000 miles, or 2,000 miles with a heavy load.

Change of Route
The change of route through Africa for the Empire service led to the British Overseas Airways, Ltd., moving its headquarters from London to a large—technical—and administrative staff, with equipment, was transported to Durban.

It was this change of western terminal which called for the early full use of the resources of the newly established Qantas engine overhaul workshops at the eastern end.

That they were available was a tribute to the foresight of Mr W. Hudson Fysh, managing director of Qantas Empire Airways, Ltd., and of the works manager of the company, Mr A. Baird.

Qantas Engine
To-day, the Qantas engine overhaul section not only plays a large part in keeping the Empire flying-boats in the air over the whole of the Durban-Sydney route, but it is also of service to the Air Force in maintaining Royal Australian Navy ship-borne aircraft.

About £30,000 is invested in the Qantas engine overhaul workshop. The workshops strip down engines, clean the parts, and go through all stages of repair and replacement.

The engines are removed from their bearers at Rose Bay, conveyed to Mascot, and, after overhaul, taken back to the base for re-installation in the wings of the flying-boats.

Anti-Nazi Riots In Bergen

Indomitable opposition to the Quisling regime in Bergen, South-West Norway, marked by constant disturbances and demonstrations, has necessitated the rushing of police reinforcements to the city, where German troops have been obliged to assist.

According to reports reaching Helsinki, a state of emergency has been declared, and inhabitants must be indoors by sunset.

A hand-to-hand fight during the recent Nationalist meeting resulted in two deaths. Several people were taken to hospital. Soldiers are increasing and large stocks of fish for Germany have been destroyed. The delinquents have been tried in camera and heavily penalised.

Ninety Bergen men were recently sentenced to long terms of imprisonment for giving information about Norway's home affairs to foreign agents. Nazi party and Government posters are invariably torn down and torn up.

The Bergen Press refuses to acknowledge the Quisling regime, and two newspapers have been temporarily closed.

Oslo's largest morning newspaper, the "Tidensstern," has also been ordered to cease publication until further notice, the reason, according to Press reports, being that it published sarcastic comments about the Royal box at the municipal theatre.

Miss Hilary Napier Passes Through
Mr A. Strok, the famous impresario, passed through the Colony yesterday accompanied by Miss Hilary Napier, the brilliant English dancer.

Miss Napier was born at Moken-shan on August 15, 1910, and comes from an English family well-known in China, her grandfather, being the distinguished ethnologist, Dr. Timothy Richard. Even as a child she showed talent and aptitude for dancing, and after finishing school at Cambridge, she attended the State Academy for Music and Dramatic Art in Vienna, graduating with honours.

After Vienna, Miss Napier toured Europe and South America with a famous group and was widely acclaimed by critics for her solo dancing.

When war broke out, she returned to her family in China, and gave a series of recitals. She came to the attention of Mr A. Strok, who formerly managed tours for Anna Pavlova, Ruth St Denis, Ted Shawn, La Argentina, and other great dancers. He was impressed by her performance, and has arranged a tour of China, the Netherlands East Indies, India, Africa and other parts of the world for her. She has just spent two months in Shanghai, where the critics praised her mimicry and impressionistic dancing.

Mr Strok and Miss Napier are going to Singapore and to Java, and expect to return in a few months.

SCHOOL SPOTTERS
Lessons at Elton College now continue after the "alert" is sounded, following the introduction of a spotter system. If raiders approach the college, wardens blow whistle signals and the boys then take shelter.

American War Writer's Escape

Italian machine-gunners nearly shot Leland Stowe, famous American war correspondent.

The incident happened when Stowe drove into Pogradee, captured Italian base on Lake Ohridsko (Greek right flank).

He was with the correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor," a Greek Lieutenant and a military chauffeur.

Stowe writes in the London "Daily Telegraph": "By a slight error we entered Pogradee early one Sunday morning hours before Greek infantry entered the town."

"Greek cavalry had slipped through the town before daybreak, and we thought the infantry had occupied it."

"As we drove down a winding hill and then across a flat plain into Pogradee, we did not hear a shot."

"A bitter wind was blowing from Lake Ohridsko and snow blanketed the mountains around the southern shore."

Silent as Tomb
"No living thing stirred in the town. It was as silent as a tomb."

"Just as we passed houses on the southern outskirts of the town, crackling machine-guns shattered the stillness."

"We couldn't tell where the shooting came from, but it was unpleasantly close to us."

"Then, our chauffeur, swung the car behind the brick wall of a building."

"By this time machine-guns were in action on some heights just beyond the town."

"The lieutenant with us said: 'It sounds like the Italians. We'd better get out of here as fast as we can.'"

"Nobody disputed his reasoning."

Better Strategy
"Finally we found the Greek general we had been looking for when we came to the town."

"He advised us to get out, explaining that the Greek infantry would not go into the town until the Italian rear-guard was cleared from nearby heights."

"His story of the capture of Pogradee was much the same as that of previous Greek successes—superior Greek strategy and the superior quality of Greek troops as mountain fighters."

"The Italians must have been almost impenetrably situated in a semi-circle of heights north and west of Pogradee."

"But the Greeks seized one western range after another, and kept pressing along the crests until the Italian withdrawal from the town became unavoidable."

Dutch Learn English
B.B.C. English has been adopted as the official language of the Dutch Army in Britain.

Nine hours a week Dutch soldiers are taught how to say "banth" and "awfen" by a sergeant-instructor.

But out of school the men meet the local people, and difficulties arise in the little town where some of them are quartered. There the B.B.C. accent is regarded as all right on the radio, but a definite "put-on" in ordinary conversation.

"Many of the men are friendly with the people here," the instructor told a reporter. "And it's almost hopeless to put the B.B.C. accent against the local dialect. The men think they are being made fun of."

Also Classes In Dutch
There are also classes in Dutch at the camp for the men of Dutch families who have been brought up in England. Among the community are men who speak Clydeside.

There was, at least one Dutch Cockney. Before he joined up he kept a little shop in the Mile End-road.

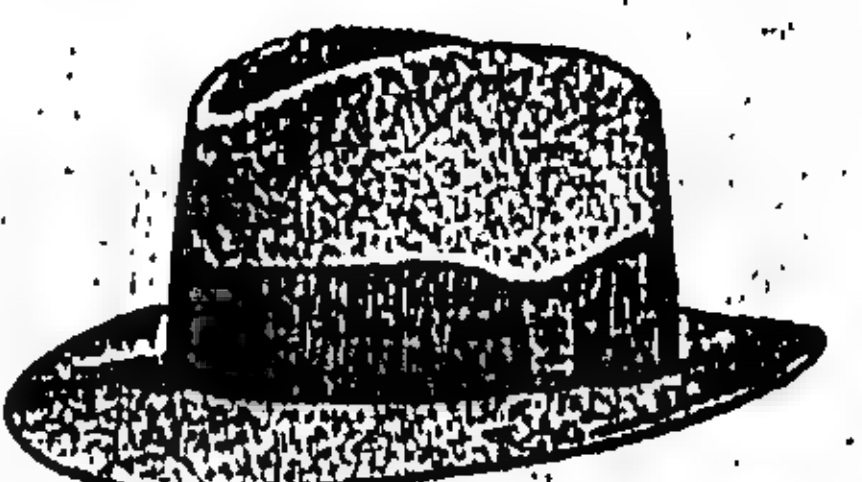
Canada's National Registration
Figures released on national registration indicate Canada now has a population considerably more than 12,000,000, compared with 10,376,788 at the last census in 1931.

National registration embraces only persons of 16 years and upwards and the total number registered is more than 8,000,000. Census officials said that in the 1931 census 66 per cent of the total population was composed of persons 16 years old and upwards.

If the ratio is the same now as in 1931, officials said, then there now are more than 4,000,000 persons in Canada under 16 years, or a total population of better than 12,000,000.

Mostly Males
J. G. Gardiner, Minister of National War Services, announced in a statement that 7,800,470 persons registered under National Registration regulations. Registrations since that date of persons who reached the age of 16 brought the total to more than 8,000,000.

Of those listed during the August registration period, 9,888,700 were males and 3,951,710 females.



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Comments On Penalty Bully

Infringements Within The Circle: When Goals Are Awarded

For any breach of any Rule (except Rule 9) and for an intentional breach of Rule 9, after a warning by the umpire:

(i) by the attacker, the game shall be restarted at the centre of the nearer twenty-five yard line,

(ii) by a defender, a goal shall be awarded to the opposing side. For a simultaneous breach of Rule 9 and 10 by both players, the bully shall be played again.

Distinctly Laid Down

It is distinctly laid down that a penalty bully is to be ordered when the scoring of a goal is prevented by any breach of Rule 10, whether intentional or otherwise.

If it is considered that a foul by a defender inside the circle has deprived the attacker of a certain goal, give a penalty bully. Don't think or allow the players to think that a penalty bully is only awarded for a deliberate breach of a rule.

Some players are apt to regard the award of a penalty bully as a personal reflection on their play; it is nothing of the sort. It is only intended to be a more severe penalty than a penalty corner, because the breach of the rule took place in a position from which a goal might, or probably would have been scored. A player who falls on or behind the ball in the circle is almost certain to be impeding an attacker, in which case a penalty bully should be awarded.

All penalty bullies are to be played on a spot five yards in front of the centre of the goal. This spot is not marked on the ground and it is the duty of the umpire to place the ball correctly before the bully begins.

Don't forget that if for any reason such as injury or suspension from the game the offending player is unable to take part in the bully, any other player may be selected by his captain to take his place.

Taking The Bully

When the other 20 players have retired beyond the 25 yards line, and supposing the bully is taking place in your circle, get the other umpire to come up to the 25-yard line to see that no player approaches any nearer.

No penalty attaches if he does, and if the encroachment is likely to interfere with the bully, cause it to be taken again. But this is an occasion when the advantage rule may be put into use for the benefit of either side.

When Bully Finishes

Remember that the bully is not finished until the ball leaves the circle, and if the ball goes over the goal-line of the defender at a point which is between where the circle meets the goal-line and the corner, the bully must not be taken.

It is taken when the ball goes off the defender and over that part of the goal-line which is within the circle, other than between the posts.

Remember that a goal is scored if the ball goes over the goal-line. It does not matter off whose stick it goes, or if off the defender's person, and a goal can be scored if the attacker did not touch the ball at all—as has happened when the defender, in drawing the ball away from the bully, brings it back over the

Random Jottings

Weaker Selection

OWING to the "Lower ranks" in the services being unable to leave the Colony, the Interport team for Macao this season will be considerably weakened.

The selectors, however, are making the best of a bad job and have been very busy during the Chinese New Year holidays getting a useful side together.

An interesting Association Tournament game will take place at Boundary Street next Sunday morning when Police "A" clash with Khalsa. Though hitherto unbeaten, the guardians of the law will have to be on their toes if they hope to clinch both points from the ex-radiomen. A good fast game is anticipated.

Ernie Fowler, the C.B.A. centre forward, for reasons unknown to the selectors, failed to put in an appearance at the second trial which was held last Tuesday.

From what I can see of the 17 players selected, he has lost his place in the Interport team.

Vic Bond, Club right back, has fully recovered from his long illness, judging by his exhibitions in the trials. His position as full back for the Colony is now a certainty.

The Umpires' Association will hold a meeting to-morrow at St Andrew's Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. All interested are welcome.

Interport Selectors Make The Best Of A Bad Job

THE SECOND INTERPORT TRIAL was held at the Club ground last Tuesday at 11 a.m., and though some well known players were missing two well-balanced teams were chosen and both halves of the game proved interesting.

In the first half, Whites led by a goal scored by Gurbachan Singh, and in the second half when several changes were made. Colours defeated Whites by 2-1. G. Singh scored again for Whites, and D. Smith gave Colours last minute victory with two grand goals.

Exchanges were fast and keen and the standard of hockey higher than in the first trial, in spite of the warm forenoon.

Outstanding players were V. C. Bond and J. Gonsalves, the Whites backs, R. Marques and V. Whitley, the wing halves, and G. Singh, at centre forward.

For the Colours, D. Smith at right wing, and Parker at inside-left showed good form, and Tony Alves, left half, was consistent throughout. Jasbir Singh, centre forward, was a failure and in both trials he seemed completely off form. Fowler failed to appear, hence G. Singh was seen as leader, though he is better at inside-right.

Goal-keepers

Of the goalkeepers, Souza was called upon on more occasions, and was thus beaten three times. Benwell was more reliable and did by no means badly. He seemed to anticipate shots with better judgment.

One could describe both trials as without any brilliance, and brought out some of the prominent players, though there were disappointments among some of the foremost, who did not give their best.

Seventeen players have since been selected for the Interport, and as several positions are still very open, these players will be made to play

Points That Local Softball Pitchers Might Bear In Mind

By "Ball Fan"

THE CALIBRE of softball in the Colony has improved tremendously since its inception and start a few years back. Many of the teams are dishing out a brand of real classy ball both in the field and with the willow-wand. The only position which has not kept pace with the upward trend, since the introduction of this game here, appears to be the pitching department.

Hurling seems to be a lost art here in Hongkong. The vital question—"What does one need, to become a good softball pitcher,"—has been heard many times over.

To all intents and purposes, there is no definite answer so far as physical size is concerned. Men as well as ladies of widely varying physiques have become great softball pitchers. Tall, short, fat and lean—the game has had its share of headlines who fit all these descriptions.

Record Pitcher

In the city of Rochester N.Y. there is a standout hurler with one of the commercial firms who has set up, through years of competitive play, an envious all-time record which should remain in the annals of softball history for years to come as a mark which will practically be impossible to beat.

He has already pitched 54 no-hit games in organised ball and has a strike-out record of 11,500 over an 18-year career. More than 300 of his victories were shutouts.

One of his feats was pitching six games in three days in a national tournament and winning five of them.

His forte is control and he went through ten games in a row without walking a man.

Patient Practice

SOFTBALL pitching is, without a doubt, an art that requires patient practice. Generally speaking the successful pitcher must have—

1. Control.
2. Speed.
3. Curves.

4. Change of pace.
5. Ability to field.
6. More Control.
7. Courage.
8. Full knowledge of the pitching rules.
9. A legal delivery.
10. Deception.
11. And still more Control.

Right temperament is another asset. Here in the Colony many of our slab artists have a variation of these assets. Terry Noronha, Wahoo ace, has fine control. Willie Queen has speed. Johnny Alvarez, Recrelo first stringer has a good change of pace. Mary "Calamity" Ne. Canuckette star-let, has deception.

Delivery

THE simplest method of delivering a ball to a batter is to draw back the hand and let fly as most of us do in our local softball leagues.

But this method is like manna from heaven for the player at the plate. Unless the pitcher is possessed of miraculous speed, the batter generally hits hard and often for there is no wind-up to distract his attention and make it difficult for him to follow the flight of the ball.

The wind-up is one of the best assets of a pitcher and in order to become top-flight, consistent practice in the mastering of a trick, deceptive style of delivery is necessary.

Wind-ups generally fall into two classifications—the "windmill" and the "figure-eight." The principal deception of the windmill wind-up is that the batter does not know on which swing of the arm he will have to hit at the ball.

It first came into prominence during the world championship meet of 1934 with Arizona's classy representatives as its chief exponents. The figure-eight or "pretzel" wind-up is most popular with leading pitchers. With this wind-up, not only is deception emphasised but the whole weight of the body is behind the release of the pitch.

Mary-Ng, Canadian-Chinese mound-star, although lacking in control, uses a combination of both wind-ups with fairly good results.

Points to Remember

INEXPERIENCED mound aspirants, when facing the slab, may derive some benefit in remembering to—

1. Keep cool. Don't lose your temper when things go wrong.
2. Mix them up. Make every pitch count, but don't try to strike out every batter. Conserve your energy for the spots where it is needed most.
3. Watch base runners. Even though softball rules won't permit a man to take a lead, he can steal bases if you aren't on your toes when receiving the ball from the catcher.
4. Be alive. Always be in position to field the ball and have an idea what you will do when you get it.
5. Keep in condition. Your legs and wind especially are important.

Week-End Cricket Teams

The following teams have been selected by various Clubs for League cricket matches on Saturday:

KOWLOON C.C.

1st XI v. Indian R.C. (home)—E. C. Fletcher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, D. Hung, A. Zimmerman, F. R. Zimmerman, E. Lee, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge, E. P. Fletcher and N. A. E. Mackay. Scorer, T. W. Carr. Umpire, J. E. Robinson.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

1st XI v. Recrelo (home)—J. E. Richardson, K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, H. Colledge, V. M. Farnsworth, R. H. Griffin, B. G. Hawkins, D. McMillan, A. E. Perry, N. B. Whitley and A. M. J. Wright.

CRAIGGOWER C.C.

2nd XI v. C.R.C.C. (home)—A. M. Fennell, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way.

Medicals Beat R. E. 3-1 In Third Division Soccer

In a third division soccer match at the Valley yesterday Royal Army Medical Corps defeated Royal Engineers 3-1 after holding a goal lead at the interval. The winners owe their success to their stronger halves and the fact that their forwards took their opportunities.

Sappers had slightly the better of the opening exchanges but Medicals were the first to score when Pym put over a cross which curled into the net.

Neither team was given many scoring opportunities. After the interval Medicals took a hold on the game, Webb, trapping a nice cross from Parker, gave Medicals their second and Pym added the third after a defender had mis-kicked to let him through. Just before the whistle F. Jones reduced the score from a penalty.

R.A.M.C.—Forster, Smith, Entwistle; R. C. Smith, Bennett, Bright; Pym, Loyner, Webb, Harvey, Parker. R.E.—Heath, T. Jones, Spencer, Lo Kan-b, Moore, French, Brown, Cork, N. Jones, F. Jones, Gough.

RECRELO

1st XI v. C.R.C.C. (away)—E. L. Gossard (Capt.), W. A. Reed, A. M. Rodriguez, H. L. O'Neil, E. M. L. Soares, L. G. Gossard, G. N. Gossard, J. M. Gossard, W. A. Reed, M. P. Almeida, Remedios and A. M. Prata.

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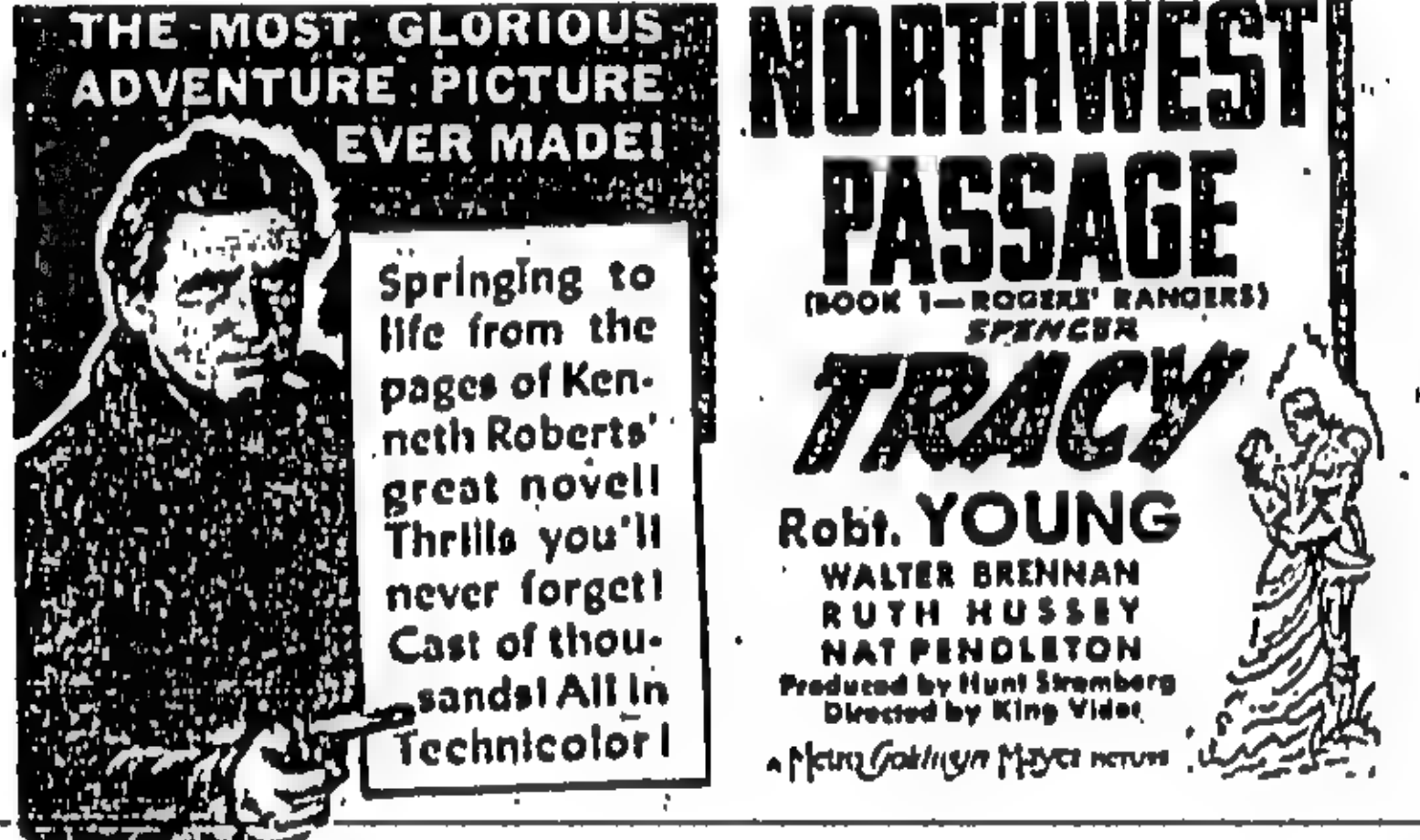
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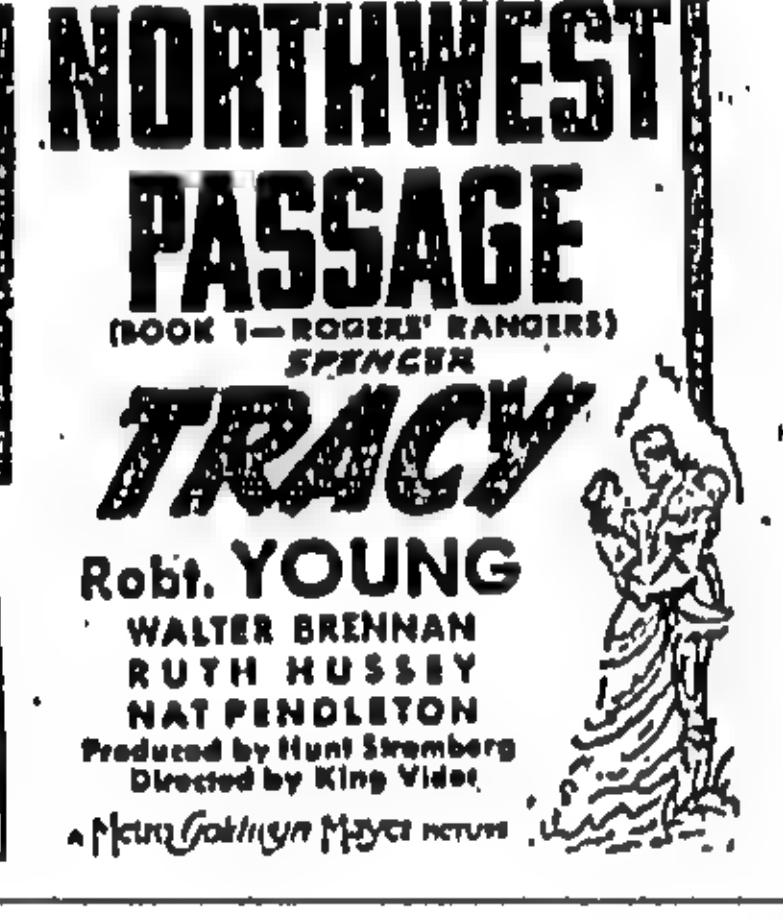
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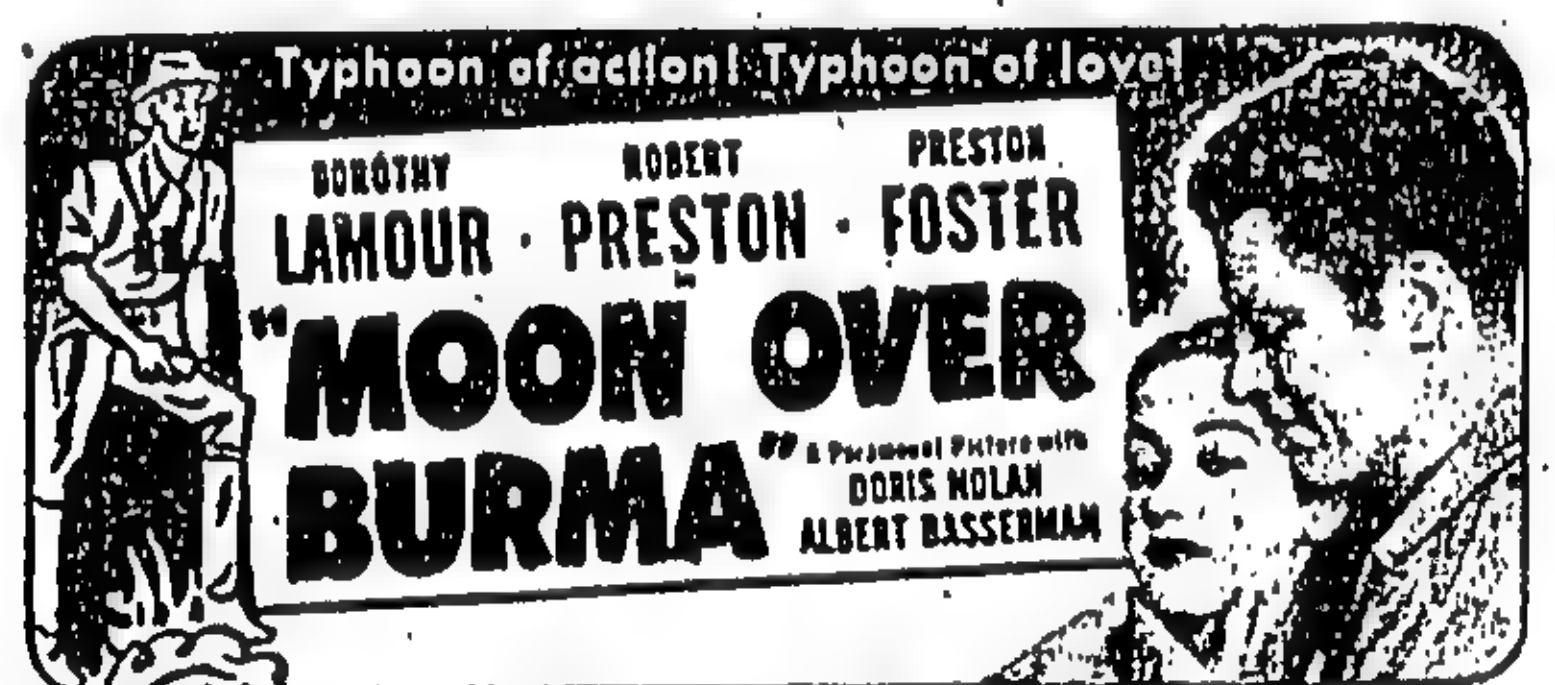


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Banish's Novel Offer To Court

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No, because I didn't know I had to do that.

How did you get from Lau Fau Shan to the Tai Kwan Hotel in Des Voeux Road Central where you were arrested?—I went there on foot because I wanted to go to Macao where my family is.

Ching added that when he was banished to his native place he discovered that his father had died and that all the property left by him had been "devoured" by an uncle.

The Japanese later arrived at the village, burnt all the houses and killed most of the inhabitants. "I have two children," he went on, "who are still detained by the Japanese. I have some property in the village. The Japanese required my family to go back there before they would let me have the property. I hope your Lordship will deal with me leniently so that I can get back there sooner. If I can get back my property I am prepared to give one-third of its value to the British War Fund and two-thirds to other charitable institutions in the Colony. This is better than letting the Japanese have the property."

Without calling upon Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, to reply, His Lordship dismissed the appeal, saying that it obviously had no merits.

Women Demonstrate Before Mr Willkie

FROM PAGE ONE

war-saving propaganda chief, and a party of big businessmen.

A party of fur-coated and smartly dressed women who attempted to stage a Communist interruption were rapidly evicted almost before Mr Willkie arrived.

Later Mr Willkie visited Polish Headquarters, meeting General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister. "My sympathies are 100 per cent. with the Polish people," he said on leaving to return to his hotel where he had an interview with the Chinese Ambassador.

Mr Willkie is using all ration cards and police permits which foreign visitors to this country are obliged to have. They have been given him at his own request as he is anxious not to receive unwarranted privileges.

The proposed visit to Erie is not yet definitely fixed.

Rim of Freedom

LONDON, Jan. 29 (UP)—Mr Wendell Willkie had a 15-minute chat with the Chinese Ambassador, Mr Quo Tai-chi to-day and later said: "I have always regarded China as the rim of freedom, and will try to do as much as I can to help them."

On To Benghazi: Wavell's Offensive

FROM PAGE ONE

ance at Derna is stiffening and it is possible there will be serious fighting in that area.

Rome Communique

ROME, Jan. 29 (UP)—To-day's communique says that the Italians repulsed a British armored division which made an attack south of Derna. The British suffered considerable losses.

In East Africa, the Italians reportedly attacked on the Kenya front, forcing the British to withdraw.

In the Gallabat sector, the Italians repulsed a British attack. Italian aviation intensively bombed military objectives in Salonika and the railway between Salonika and Athens.

On the Greek front, the Italians took over an important position and captured prisoners.

FREIGHT RATES RISE

Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, agents for the China Navigation Co., Ltd., announce that all rates of freight on cargo moving from Hongkong to Bangkok will be increased as from February 15.

East African Campaign

Unhappy Settlers In Ethiopia

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—It is how revealed that an Indian division which is doing so well in Eritrea was sent to the Sudan after taking part in the capture of Sidi Barrani. Owing to the unavoidable movement of these troops, the Italian forces at Kessala had time to execute a strategic withdrawal and to escape the pincer movement that closed behind them.

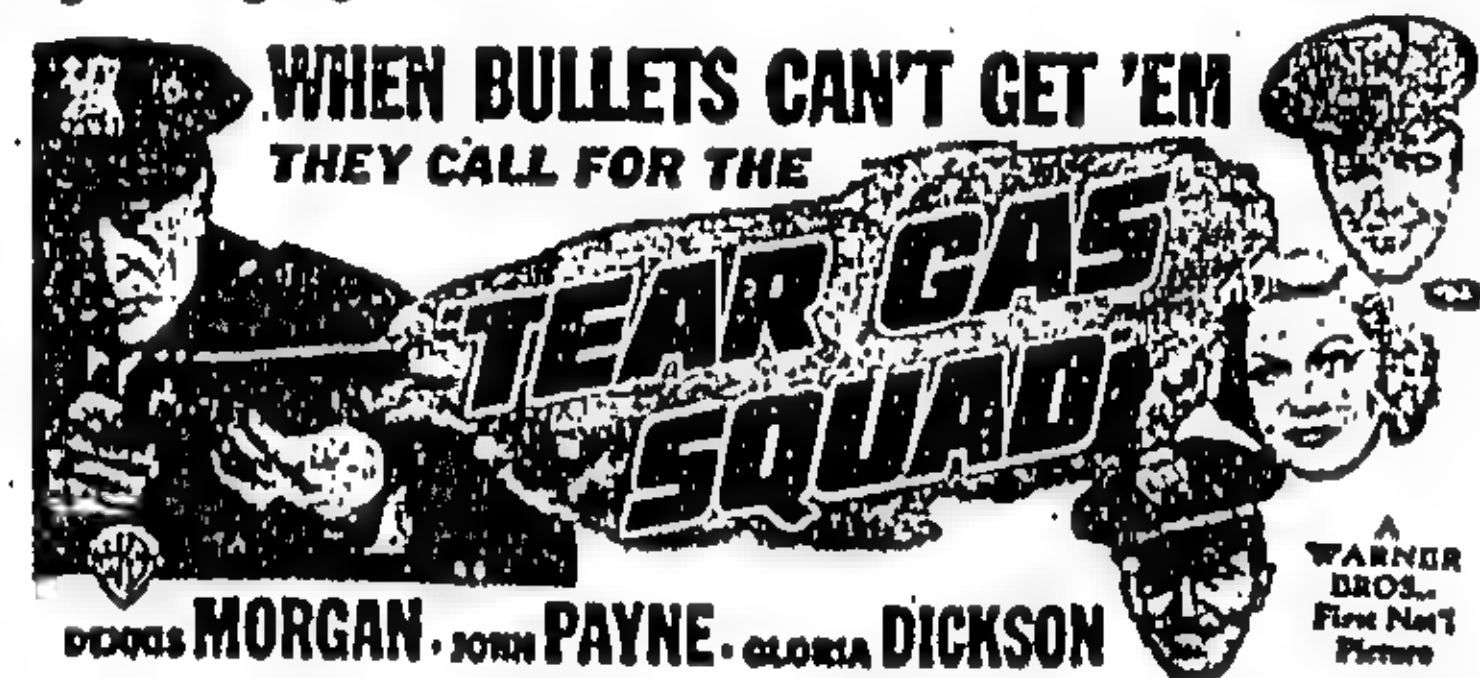
British authoritative quarters are concerned with the fate of 200,000 Italian settlers in Abyssinia who are menaced by the growing tide of the patriot movement. It is gathered that many are being concentrated at places like the capital where there would be safety in numbers. The problem of food supply is sure to arise sooner or later even if any number enter Djibuti.

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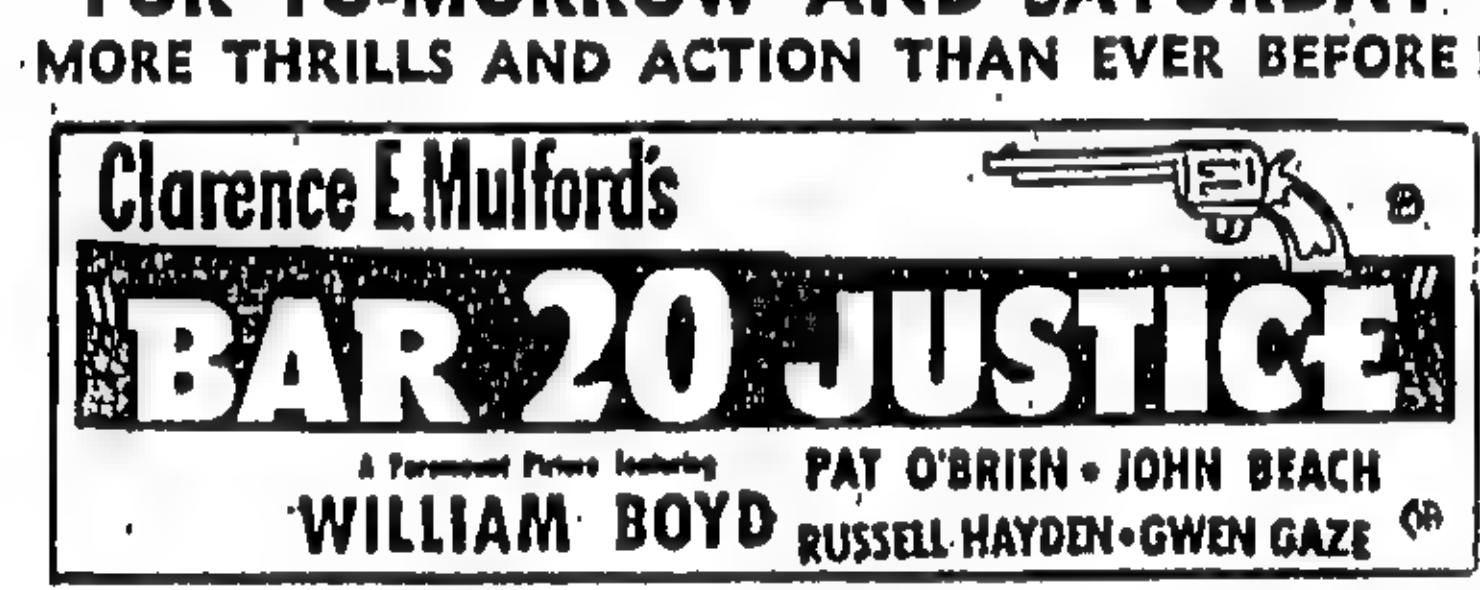
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Kulangsu's Council Inoperative

Members Resign

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AMOY, Jan. 29 (Domel).—

The Kulangsu Municipal Council has once again become inoperative as a result of three members of the Council, including the Chairman, Mr H. L. Hitchcock and Mr J. H. Morhaus suddenly resigning on January 29, leaving only two Japanese members.

The Council was expected to meet on January 24 in order to discuss the Municipal Council's budget, and the four-point representation handed on January 21 by the Japanese Consul-General at Amoy in connection with the shooting of Mr Huang Chung-kan, Formosan president of the Amoy District Court on January 17.

The business of the Council was taken over by the consular body under the chairmanship of the British Consul-General, Mr N. Fitzmaurice, according to the precedent set in 1926.

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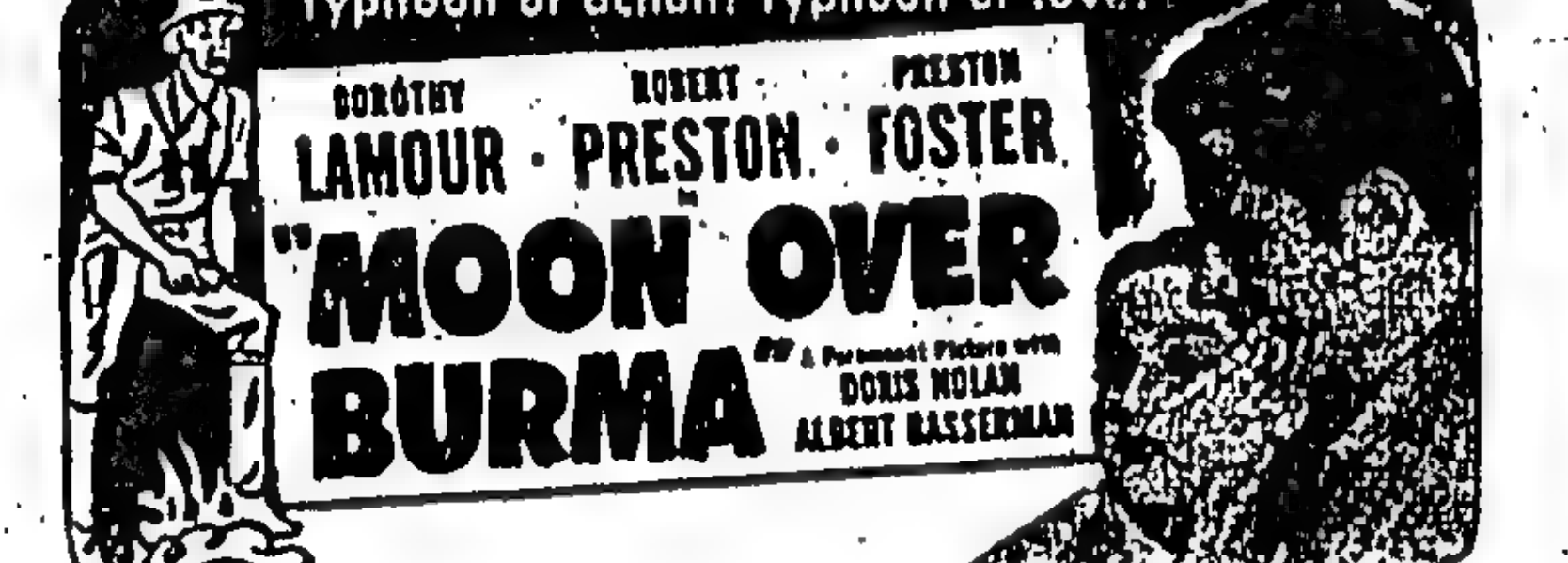
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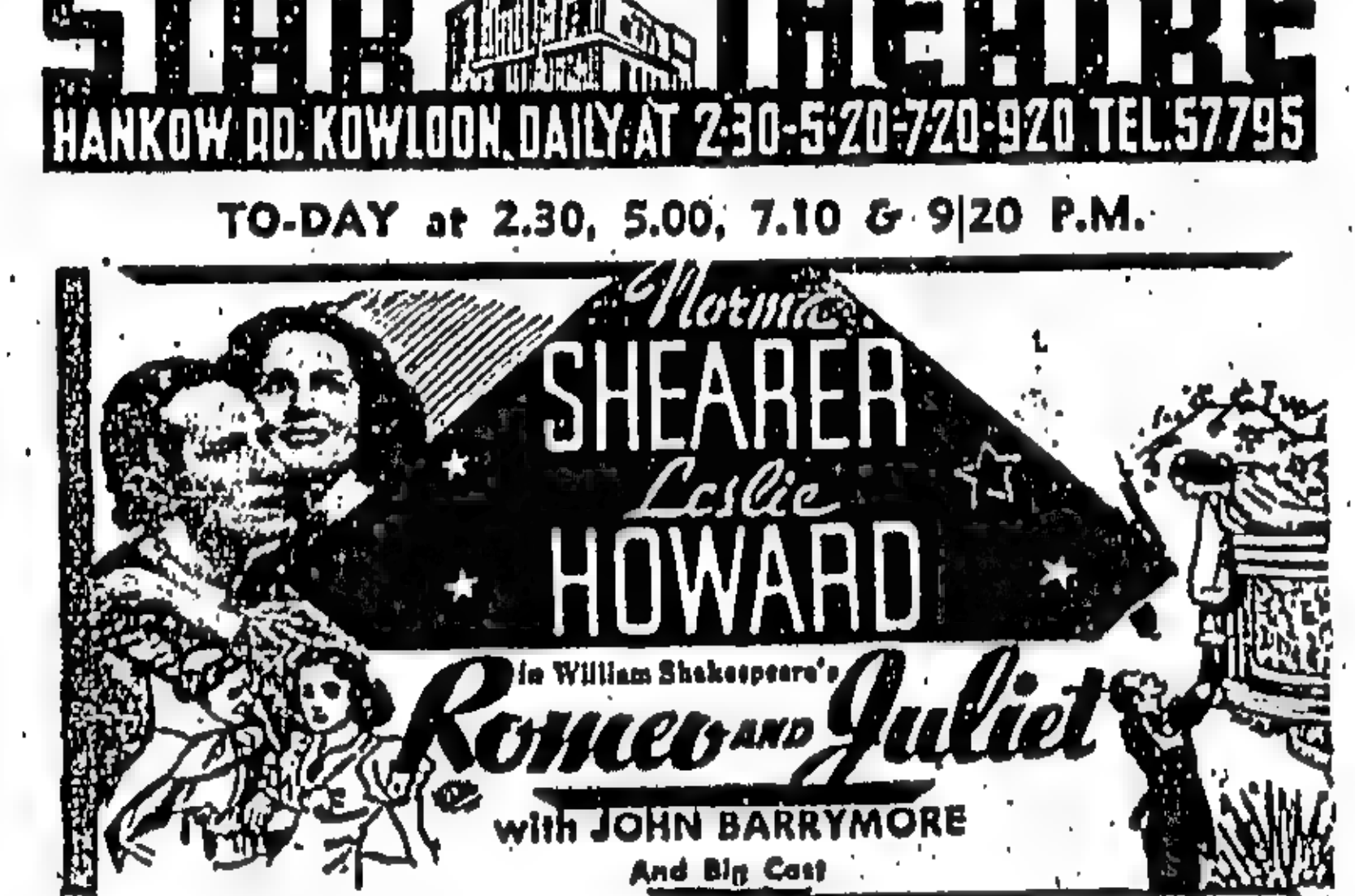
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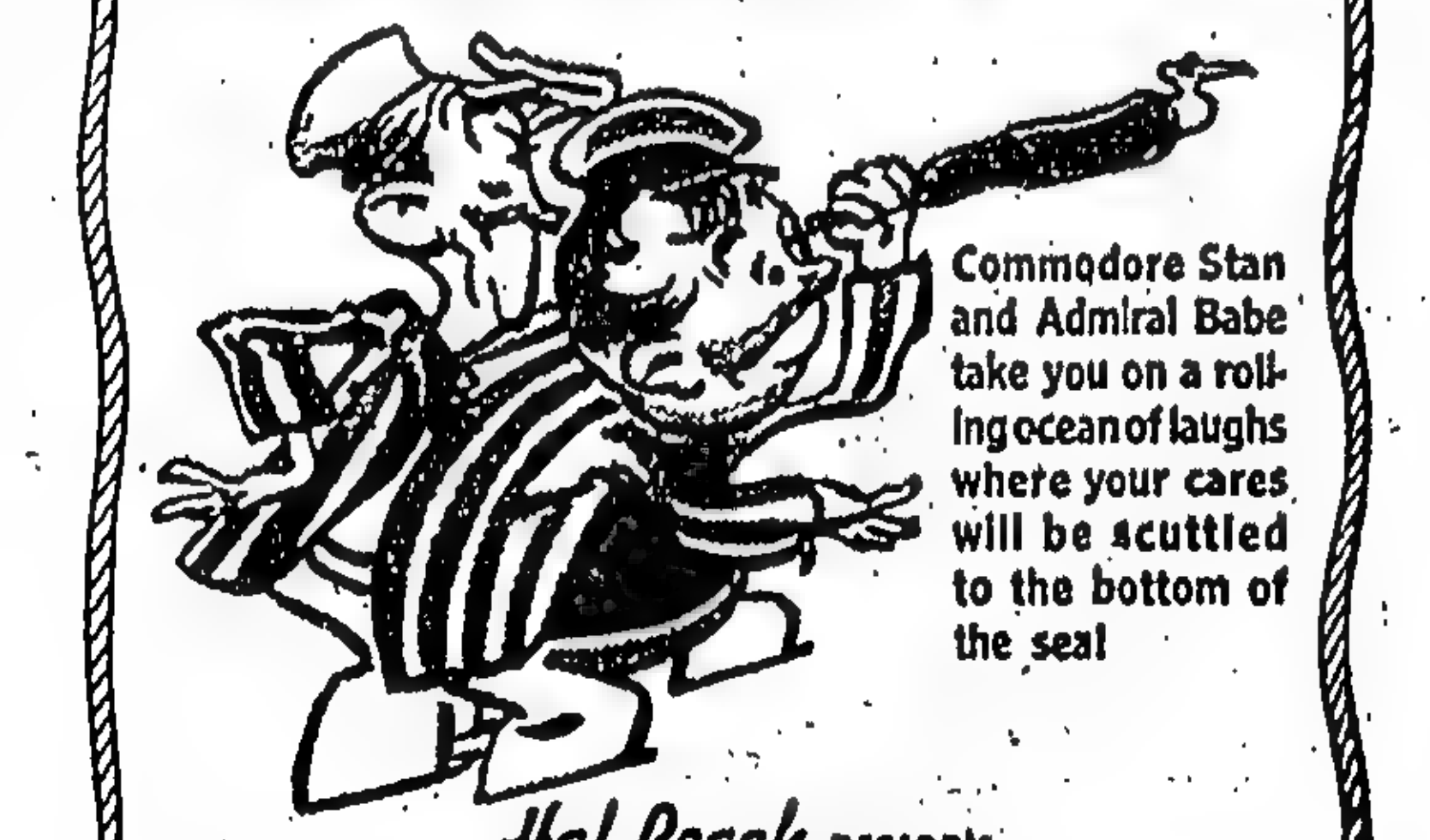
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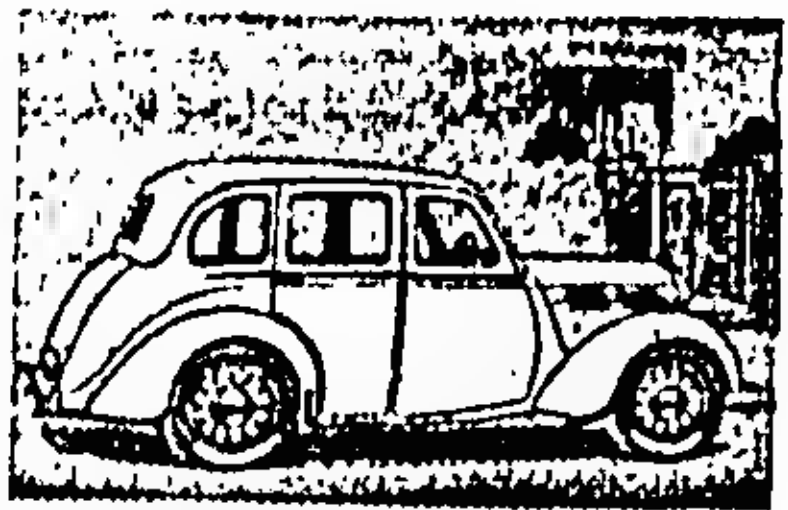
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U.S. SECRETARY FOR WAR PREDICTS

OVERWHELMING PROBABILITY OF FINAL BRITISH VICTORY

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (UP).—THE PROBABILITY OF AN ULTIMATE BRITISH VICTORY SO LONG AS THE BRITISH ISLES CAN SURVIVE THE CRISIS OF THE COMING SPRING OR WINTER IS OVERWHELMING. THIS WAS THE OPINION EXPRESSED TO-DAY BY COLONEL HENRY STIMSON, U.S. SECRETARY FOR WAR WHEN TESTIFYING BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE AID TO BRITAIN BILL. HE DECLARED THAT THE BILL WOULD AFFORD THE UNITED STATES THE CHANCE TO "BUY TIME" IN ORDER TO RE-ARM; AND THAT TIME COULD BE PURCHASED ONLY FROM ONE NATION WHICH WAS IN A POSITION TO SELL IT—BRITAIN.

INVASION THREAT "VERY REAL"

Say Home Military Experts

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Jan. 29 (UP).—British military circles to-day emphasised that the "long-term threat of invasion is very real." They declared that an invasion attempt might be preceded by an attack on Ireland or Iceland, or both, as a diversion. The main invasion would then most likely come across the Channel region, covered by German fighter planes.

ITALIAN AIRPORTS BOMBED

Naples And Catania

CAIRO, Jan. 29 (Reuters).—Heavy bombing by the R.A.F. of Naples and Catania aerodromes as well as a railway junction and marshalling yards on Monday night were the high-spots in the R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters communique.

It states that "during the night of January 27, bombers of the R.A.F. carried out a raid on the Capodichino (Naples) aerodrome. Bombs fell on a large building, setting it on fire, and other fires were started in the aerodrome.

"The central railway station and a marshalling yard at Naples were also attacked: fires and a violent explosion being caused between the station and the junction. The same night, the Catania aerodromes were raided, bombs bursting on the main runway and among the buildings on the south side of the aerodrome.

"Combs was also visited and bombing there started fires among the buildings, which were followed by six violent explosions which were seen by our aircraft raiding Catania.

Strafing Italians On Run

"In Libya, yesterday (Tuesday), air activity was mainly confined to protective fighter patrols for our advancing troops and ground strafing of the retreating enemy between Derna and Barce.

"On the Martuba landing field, eleven Savoia bombers were found abandoned in an unserviceable condition. Three enemy fighters discovered nearby were also damaged by our earlier bombing and machine-gunning of the aerodromes.

"In Albania, fighter aircraft on patrol in the Kelye area encountered TURN to Back Page, Column 5

These experts contended that the transport of German troops across the Channel in the face of British sea and air power would "not be easy, but also not impossible."

Military quarters pointed out that the Nazis may move to occupy the rest of France and also drive through Spain and attack Gibraltar. These are among the problems which the British General Staff is considering.

Mediterranean Situation
They emphasised that the effect of an air attack is particularly serious in the desert country. "The Mediterranean situation is now looking much more difficult than was thought," they declared. "The movement of much of the traffic through the Mediterranean in the face of German dive-bombers is becoming uncommonly difficult."

These experts pictured an enormous force of approximately 225 divisions of German troops spread out over Europe threatening the British. Firstly, by a possible invasion; secondly by an attack on Gibraltar; via Spain; thirdly, through the Balkans.

However, it was emphasised that the "defence of Britain is our main front and we feel very strongly about that."

Regarding German intentions in the Balkans and possible attacks on Salonika through Yugoslavia, it was declared that "whether or not Germany can strike we cannot tell, but she is certainly moving in that direction."

It is believed that there are ten German divisions in Rumania, including motorised units.

U. S. Aid Important
It was pointed out that United States aid would be an important factor in the military operations. However, it was admitted that United States equipment "is not made in a day and the real flow has not yet started."

These circles suggested that Germany is likely to decide on some offensive move before the supplies from the United States tilt the scales against Hitler.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 29 (Reuters).—There is still no news of Dose, Leftist leader who disappeared while awaiting trial.

The strain under which Germany is labouring is already causing repercussions in Italy and Rumania as well as in Norway, said Colonel Stimson.

He added that the Japanese economic position has been strained for a long time, while Italy is "in serious straits."

Colonel Stimson averred that British morale has not been impaired and that a Democratic victory would be dependent upon control of the sea and air.

He told Senator Robert La Follette that the immediate effect of the enactment of the Aid to Britain Bill would be to stiffen British morale.

He asserted that it would be "very unfortunate" to restrict the authority of President Roosevelt by amending the Bill and prohibiting United States convoys.

DOVER IS SHELLED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

DOVER, Jan. 29 (UP).—German long-range guns shelled the Dover area to-night starting at 9.15 p.m. and continuing at short intervals. No casualties were reported.

Beginning at 10.30 p.m. the Germans sent projectiles whistling over the Straits, the firing being kept up at irregular intervals.

Willkie Moved By London Scenes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 29 (UP).—Mr Wendell Willkie walked amongst thousands of homeless people in four air raid shelters to-day, and was greeted by cheers for America and shouts of "Send us all you've got."

German planes were overhead and guns were booming. Mr Willkie sometimes appeared emotionally distraught as he saw men, women and children, many of them half-dressed, who have lived underground for six months, cheering him.

He commented once as men and women doctored around him, shaking his hand and thumping his back: "I am a tough egg but this moves me deeply."

\$1,000 Gift To Big Raffle

Messrs. Harry Wicking & Company have sent a cheque for \$1,000 to the Hongkong War Effort Committee which may be applied at the discretion of the committee in connection with the "Monster Raffle" being organised in aid of the Bomber Fund.

President's Powers Limited

Lease & Lend Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29

(Reuters).—Three important amendments limiting the President's powers under the Lease and Lend Bill are reported to have been voted by the House Foreign Affairs Committee sitting behind closed doors.

The amendments are believed to be as follows:
(1) To fix the expiration date as June 30, 1943;
(2) To require President Roosevelt to consult Army and Navy chiefs before transferring military equipment;
(3) To require periodic reports to Congress on the Lease and Lend operations.

Amendments Passed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (Reuters).—The House Foreign Affairs Committee in a secret session to-day fixed the time limit, expiring June 30, 1943, for the President's Lease and Lend Bill.

The amendment was approved, specifically forbidding the use of United States warships on convoy duties.

The Committee inserted in the Bill provisions prohibiting the President from dispatching war material to Britain without consulting the service chiefs.

Periodical reports must be submitted to Congress on the working of the measures.

British Ship Pirated: Returns Here

After being looted by armed Chinese pirates from a trawler in Haitian Straits on January 27, the small British coastal steamer Tai-pai, owned by the Sindhi Steamship Co. returned to Hong-kong to-day.

While the British master, Captain R. Parcou and Chief Officer, Mr Taylor and 16 members of the Chinese crew were forced to stand with their hands above their heads, the pirates smashed in cabin doors and took the crew's money. The pirates took all clothes and blankets even the Captain's from the ship, members of the crew said.

Cargo Intact

The steamer had left Hongkong for Halkow with a cargo of flour and oil, the crew said, but the Japanese would not allow the ship discharge her cargo. On the return journey to Hongkong, the ship was boarded by about 15 men armed with rifles and revolvers from a motor trawler. The pirates who were dressed in khaki uniforms, boarded at about 9.30 a.m. Later a Japanese trawler appeared on the scene and ordered the steamer to weigh anchor and proceed. The crew said. She returned to Hong-kong with her cargo intact.

THE KING SETS AN EXAMPLE

This happy picture of His Majesty the King illustrates the magnificent example which he is setting to the nation in these perilous and nerve-racking times. When the picture was taken His Majesty had just received the T.U.C. gold medal from Mr George Gibson, chairman of the Trades Union Congress.



JAPAN AND THE EAST INDIES

Matsuoka's New Statements

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Jan. 29 (UP).—Mr Matsuoka, Japan's Foreign Minister, replying to Mr Sinzo Imai's interpellations during the House Budgetary Committee's hearing to-day as to what hope of success there was for peaceful negotiations in the questions pending between Japan and the N.E.I., in view of possible armed United States interference to any southward advance, admitted that there were difficulties, but he would make every effort until they were past.

Mr Matsuoka spoke of the "seeming desire on the part of the Netherlands East Indies to TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Night Raids On London Start Again

But Are Ineffective

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 30 (UP).—The first night raid on the London area in ten nights petered out long before midnight, but while it lasted it brought out all the old familiar sounds—the rumble of gunfire and the crashing of bombs.

One Air Raid warden said the raid was "like old times." At the same time, air raid workers generally kept a particularly careful watch, fearing that the first night raid after a long lull would be of full blitzkrieg intensity.

A few districts reported high explosive bombs. Incendiary bombs were showered on two areas in the early raid in accordance with the Luftwaffe's custom of trying to raise beacons. As the first fire bombs struck, the whistles of the wardens shrieked and hundreds of persons poured out of doorways and pounded TURN to Back Page, Column 4

On To Benghazi: Wavell Pursues Desert Offensive Without Halt

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Jan. 29 (UP).—Military experts here declare that General Wavell is pressing on to Benghazi as fast as possible and that his forces had already surrounded Mekele where they encountered a much larger force than anticipated, including between 70 and 80 tanks.

The same experts commented: "General Wavell is marching on Benghazi as fast as he can, knowing that any time now he may encounter opposition from the German air force."

ROAD JUNCTION COVERED

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuters).—It is learned in authoritative circles that the Army of the Nile has now surrounded the important road junction of Mekele south of Derna.

There is reason to believe that Italian troops cut off here comprise the remnants of the two divisions which retired from Sidi Barrani as well as certain number of tanks and armoured vehicles.

The British advance is being facilitated by our possession of Tobruk as an advance base. There is a good supply of water at Tobruk and there are also large quantities of petrol that the Italians had not the time to destroy.

British Patrols Active

OUTSIDE DERN, Jan. 29

(Reuters).—With the air resounding to the thunder of artillery, the British Imperial troops drawn up round Derna are sending out extensive patrols to probe the position of the Italians defending this small Libyan seaport.

H. Q. Communique

CAIRO, Jan. 29 (UP).—To-day's General Headquarters communique says: "Enlivened operations in the Agordat and Barentu sectors are developing. The close pursuit of the enemy after their withdrawal from Umm Hagar is continuing and a further 73 prisoners have been captured."

"Libya: Pressure on the enemy forces in the Derna area is increasing."

"Italian" Somaliland: Vigorous patrol activity is continuing in numerous areas across the enemy frontier."

There has been indication during the past two days that Italian resistance at Derna is stiffening and it is possible there will be serious fighting in that area.

Rome Communique

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LATEST

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Further Late News

Sole Survivor Of C.N.A.C. Plane Crash

The sole survivor of the recent C.N.A.C. plane crash, the radio operator P. L. Chung, who is suffering from a broken leg, was flown back to Hongkong early this morning and admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

The five other Chinese on board the plane were killed. They were Bernard Wong, pilot, K.C. Wu, co-pilot, C. Chen, assistant radio operator, Z. Kwong, C.N.A.C. staff employee and the charterer of the plane who was travelling with the freight, Mr Yeh.

Two officials of the company's Hongkong office were landed in a town near the scene of the crash as a ground rescue party. The plane is understood to have hit a mountain-side during a thunderstorm.

Eire On Rations And Preparing For Worst

Special to the "Telegraph"

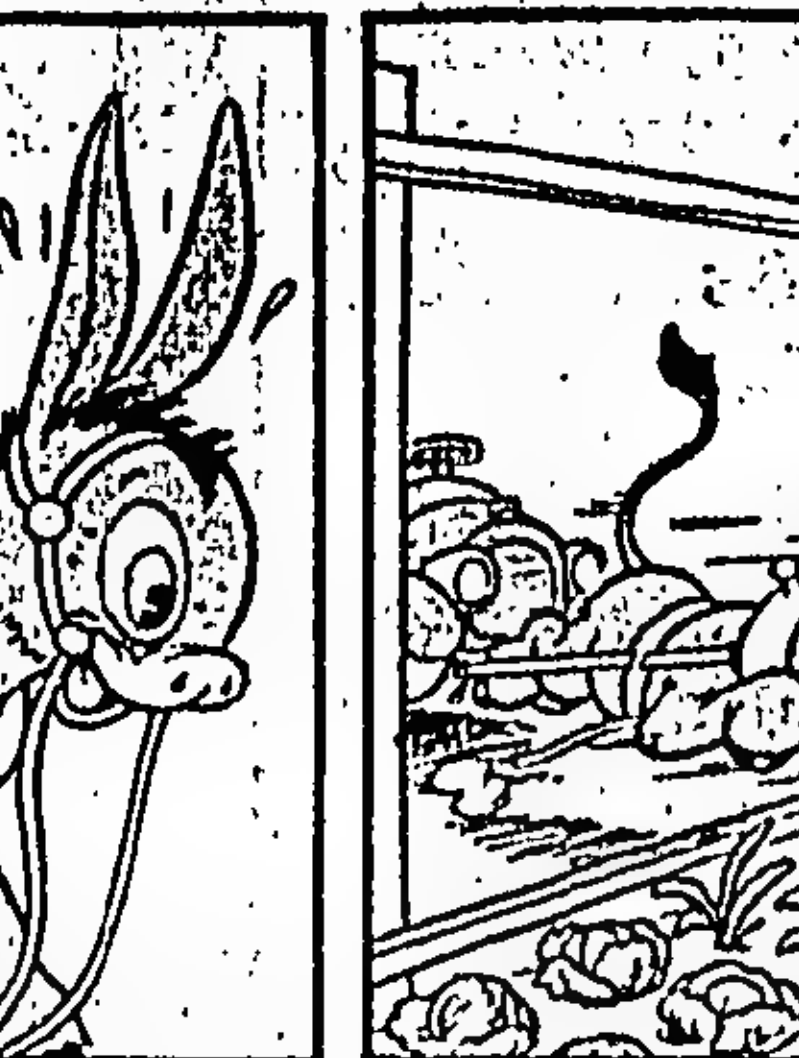
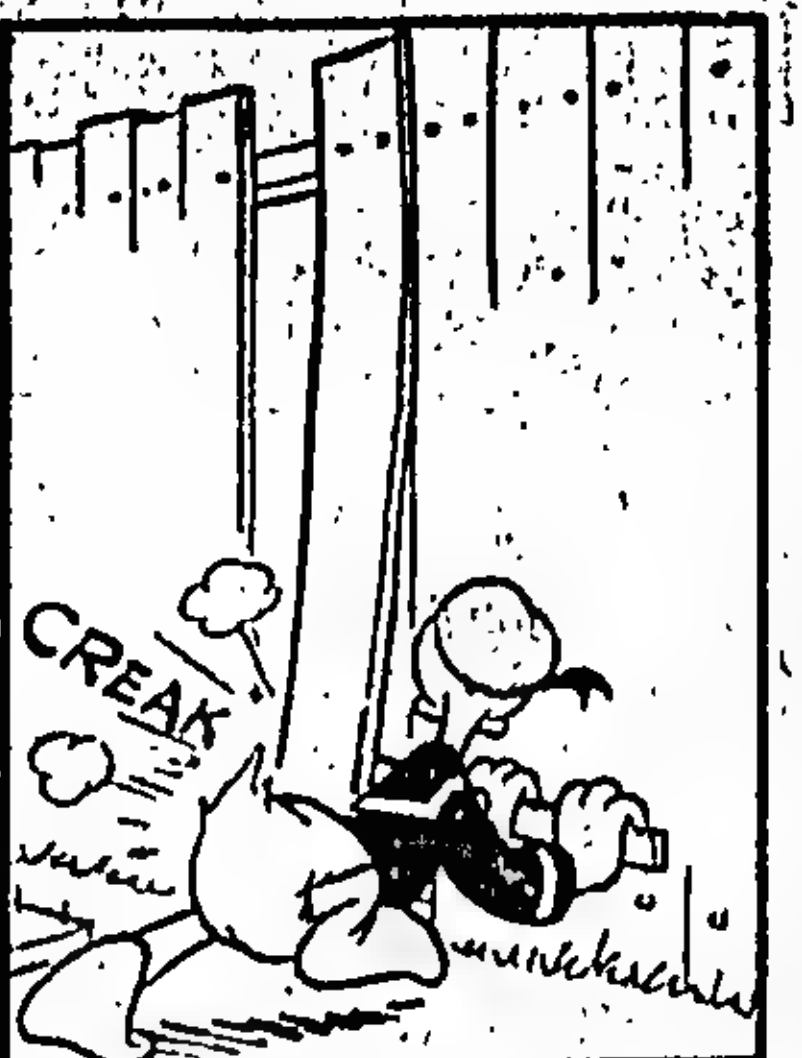
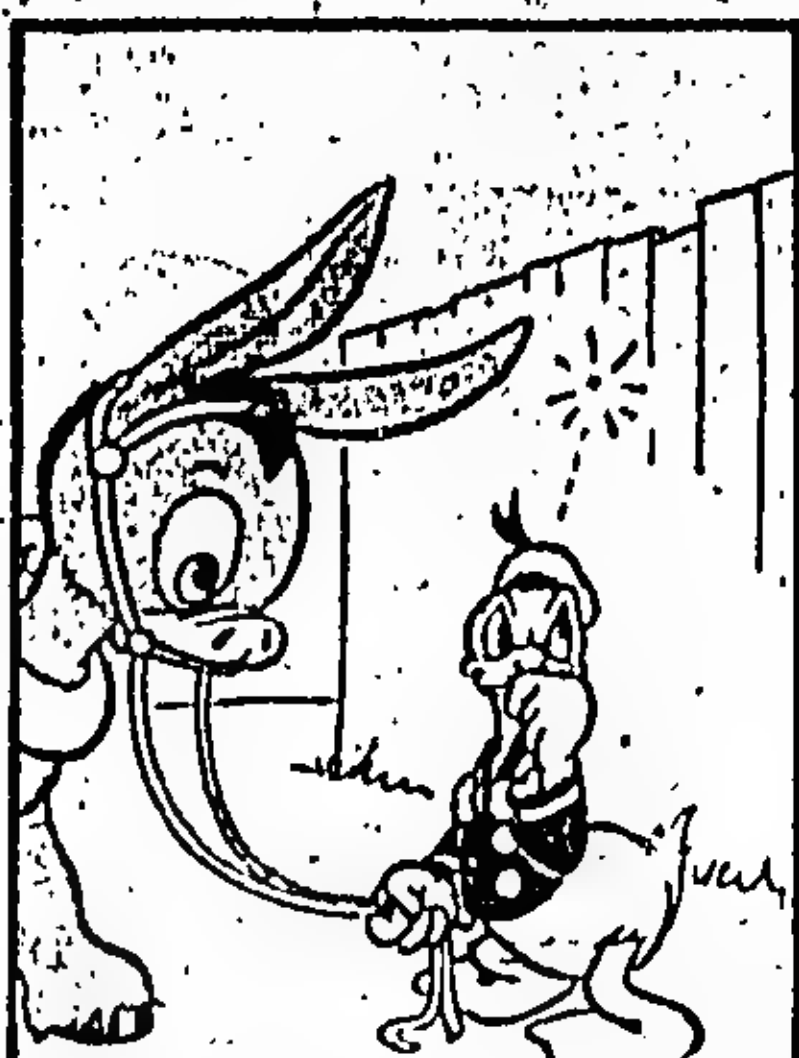
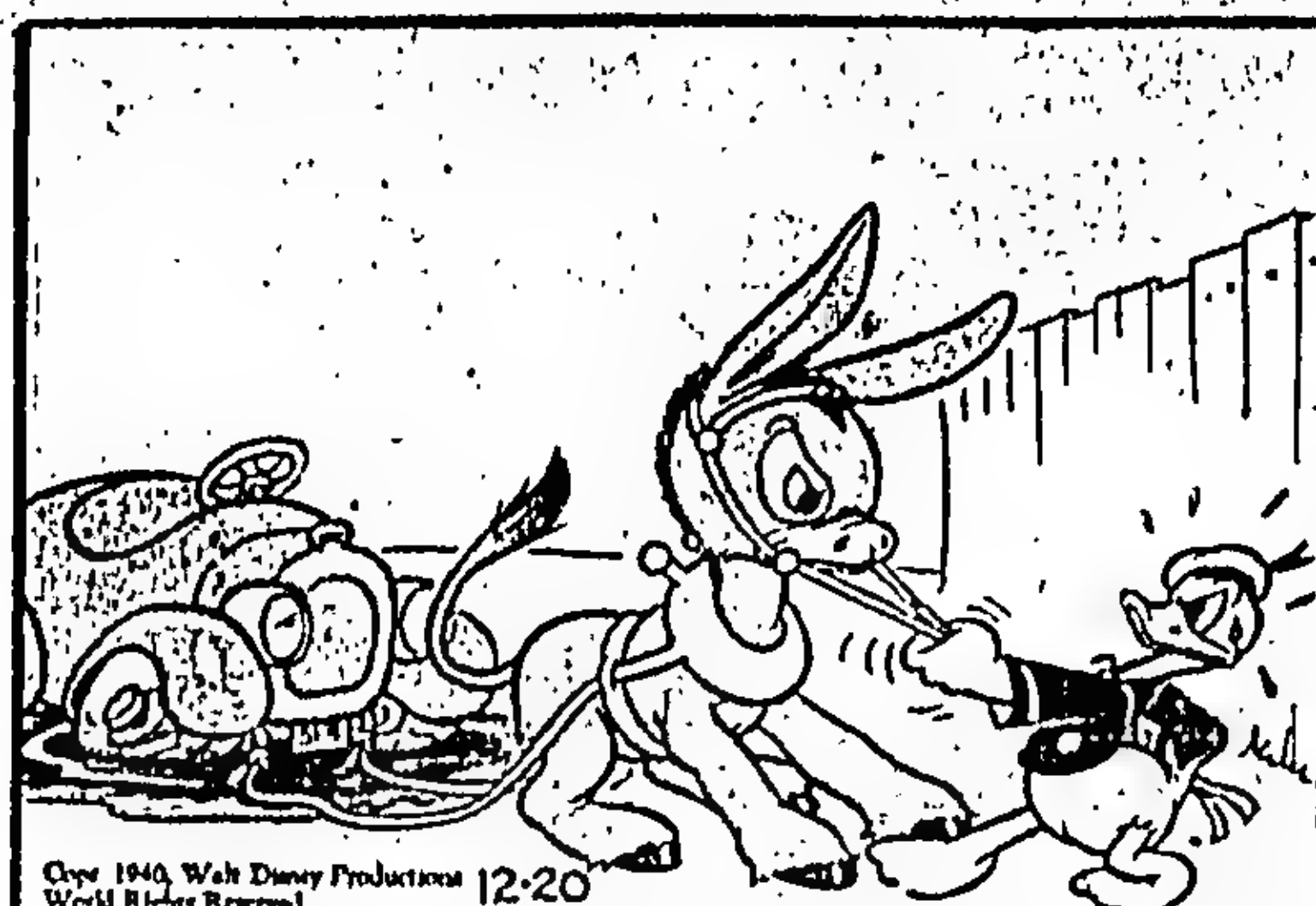
DUBLIN, Jan. 29 (UP).—In a radio broadcast to-night, Mr Eamon De Valera announced that the Government has decided to ration tea.

He warned: "We have not a moment to lose in preparing for the worst regarding all our supplies which come to us from abroad. We shall be foolish in the extreme if we prepared for anything less than the worst."

He said that Eire has been in danger ever since the war began, and would continue to be in danger until peace is restored.

"As a result of our efforts and because we had all sections of the people with us, we now have far greater strength to meet possible aggression than we had when the warning was given eight or nine months ago," he declared.

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SOCIAL SECURITY IS WAR AIM

Labour Minister Speaks Out

"I AM sometimes asked 'What are your war aims?' My war aims are summed up in the phrase: The motive of our life should be social security."

This declaration was made by Mr Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, at a Rotary Club luncheon in London.

"I think the time has come when we should not be led into the mistakes we made in the last war of merely indulging in high flown platitudes about homes for heroes and things of that kind simply to stimulate the people," he said.

"Now is the time when thoughtful people ought to be considering the real social implications of the war. After the last war there was a failure to recognize that it was largely, as indeed this one is, a great civil war, which must determine whether we are to be ruled from the top or must have government responsible to the people.

"The last 20 years has demonstrated that security cannot be attained by arms. It can only be attained by the enhancement of power with the people.

"Immediately power is taken from the people and given to a ruler at the top or a military oligarchy then security vanishes.

Back To Disorder

"Unemployment has been the devil that has driven masses in large areas of the world to turn to dictators. You cannot have social security on the basis of the present economic order.

"We have been taught that the only motive for energy, production and enterprise is profit.

"If profit can be the only motive the natural corollary is economic disorder, and that will bring you back to the same position as you are in now, ever recurring.

"I want to give you the new motive for industry and for life. I suggest that at the end of this war—and indeed during the war—we accept social security as the main motive of all our national life.

To Benefit All

"That does not mean that all profits or surpluses would be wiped out, but it does mean that the whole of your economy, finance, organisation, science and everything, would be directed together to social security, not for a small middle class or for those who may be more possessors of property, but for the community as a whole."

"The greatest social implication arising out of this war is the effort to get rid of that horrible queue outside the labour exchanges, Mr Bevin said.

"You have to stop that or stop the whole educational system. Better leave the masses ignorant than give them a double appetite, both of stomach and head, then not satisfy either.

"I am afraid that at the end of this war, unless the community is seized with the importance of this, you may well slip into the most revolutionary action—though I don't mind revolutions if they are well directed.

Answer To Hitler

"What I am horrified at is a blind revolution of starving men that is un-directed and that ends in disaster for the whole community. You have not to offer a new feeling of hope, and example is better than precept.

"If this old country would begin to shape and direct it now and begin to weave it into its own economic life while the present struggle is going on, that would be the best answer to Hitler.

"I feel in my very bones that somehow things can never be as they were."

"A new age has to be built, and what greater contribution can we pay to those who are suffering at the moment than to say that this time it is really not in vain?"

FREE MEN can Always Beat SLAVES

WHAT sort of war is this? After more than a year's fighting we might still have no answer to this question when we look at the ruins of a battered East London street and think that a glittering metal machine, marvel of all modern science, had to fly hundreds of miles to destroy a London workman's little brick house.

And, however carefully our own men aim at military targets, there must be something of this sort on the other side, too. So is this a war of faiths, or of men in machines dealing out death haphazardly to enemies they never see?

FREE MEN

Tom Wintringham, that refreshing and unorthodox writer on military subjects whom many knew as Commander of the British Battalion which helped to throw back Franco's Moors in 1936 in the "Miracle of Madrid," has written a book which would surely help the ordinary reader over his doubts.

From a wide sweep of military history he draws the encouraging conclusion that though tyrants at the head of vast armies of drilled slave-soldiers may set up their short-lived power, they are finally always overthrown by men trained to think for themselves as individuals and inspired by love of freedom to the "laughing, energy-intoxicated, careless feats of courage that in time of defeat win battles." (Think of Dunkirk!)

PROOF

Fussy bureaucrats and military dictators may deny this. But Wintringham shows us how a handful of Greeks reared in freedom, overcame a Persian king's millions. He shows how the Roman slave Spartacus almost overthrew the power of Rome with a force of slaves practically unarmed yet fighting for freedom.

He shows how the free, quick-thinking English yeomen routed the armoured French knights with their "doctrinaire" feudal military rules. And so to modern struggles, to Washington's "straggling gang in bad boots" who yet won a free America from professional German soldiers: to another rabble which

became the citizen army of the French Revolution; to the inspired defence of Madrid in our own days.

BACK IN 1918

But Wintringham's most important chapter is that which deals with the men of the British Tank Corps, who, in Wintringham's opinion, really won the war of 1918.

The Nazis claim that the German armies were never beaten in 1918. And one thing is true: the blows suffered by the Allies in spring and early summer, 1918, were probably no less than those answering Allied attacks before which the Kaiser's drilled army broke and collapsed.

OUR HOPE

But what happened on the British side? The tanks, new weapons, manned by men, as Wintringham says, from "among the highest-grade personnel of the engineering and allied trades," by "the cream of the British working-class."

These men, "laughing about battles while they attended to the oiling of a gun-swivel or saw to a sprocket," went into action and, out of the worst defeat, smashed the way to victory.

And from these men, not barrack-drilled, but trained to think, we should draw our hope.

When Wintringham finished his book, the free volunteers of Britain's Home Guard were digging pits against the coming of German tanks, and it seemed like a war of men against machines.

WHAT OF TO-DAY?

To-day, in the great air-bombing battles, may at times seem like a war of machines against machines. But machines do not decide; both sides can produce machines.

The decision must be won by the ordinary people of London and Britain on whose power to resist the severest bombing victory depends—and by hundreds and thousands of ordinary British skilled and unskilled workmen on whose brains and endurance depends our ability to out-arm the Nazi Empire.

FAITH WILL WIN

And such power and endurance can only come if the ordinary people are inspired by faith in freedom. Wintringham shows this; the lesson of France unifies it: it is for the British Government not to lose sight of it during this long winter ahead.

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'Messages' From Sir Oliver Lodge

UNDER conditions of complete secrecy, the greatest investigation into after-life is going on at the London headquarters of the Society for Psychical Research.

Locked up in their safe is the sealed envelope containing the "test" message left with them by Sir Oliver Lodge, famous scientist and spiritualist, before his death.

They are now receiving frequent messages from mediums who claim that they have been in touch with the dead scientist.

Their evidence is being filed unopened with the "test" message. On a date yet to be fixed the envelopes will be opened and the messages compared.

An official of the society admitted that messages, claimed to have been from Sir Oliver, had been received, but refused to comment on them.

"A special procedure aiming at giving the greatest possible value to the test is being followed out," she said. "Evidence is being assembled but it will not be made known until the 'test' message is opened."

"The date has not yet been fixed, but it will not be for a considerable time yet." Commenting on the fact that spiritualists were claiming to have made contact with Sir Oliver Lodge, an official of the Marylebone Spiritualist Association—one of the largest in the country—said that a flood of messages purporting to be from Sir Oliver was to be expected.

ORDINARY

"Mediums are only human beings," he said, "and frequently very ordinary human beings." "Messages which they receive they are inclined to link with things that are uppermost in their minds or with public figures like Sir Oliver."

"The same thing happened after the death of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle."

Sir Oliver himself claimed many times to have communicated with his dead wife and son Raymond—killed in the last war—and his book on this theme caused one of the greatest sensations in scientific circles.

In this book he published the "messages" he had received from his wife and son. Of his own "test" he said before he died: "I shall try to give a message. But it might take as long as a year. I shall not get anything in a hurry."

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Cattle food
- Based on
- Prohibit
- Pushed aside
- All
- Prophet
- No good (slang)
- Announce
- Proven
- Observe
- Annet
- In addition
- Prejudice
- Small valley
- Magazine of type
- Follows closely
- Gravitational attraction
- Monaster
- Pun
- Let it stand
- Hypercritical talk
- Intend
- Worthless fellow
- Arrange
- Intend
- In quest of
- Postpone
- Wild fear
- Pierced
- Organ

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLES

DOWN

- Abnormal temperature
- Arrange feathers
- Lorenson
- Without
- Without
- Lincoln
- Save
- In bed
- Exclamation of pain
- Underneath
- Rims
- Portray
- Win drugs
- Excuse
- Warble
- Colorless
- Bubble up
- Bliss
- Exceptional deed
- Thing that rotates
- Matured
- Custom
- Dance
- Carding machine
- Rascal
- Make sound of dove
- Spanish title
- Acres
- Whirl
- Labrith
- Consumed
- Seed container
- Concerning

LEAVING Shakespeare's Moon out of a radio adaptation of "Pyramus and Thisbe" produced a barrel of fun and lively discussion among educators at the Fourth Annual School Broadcast Conference in Chicago recently.

"Wind" had been left in. "Bottom's" voice from the radio had proclaimed:

"We present the Wind."

And Wind had howled industriously. But "Moon"—not a word was said about him. And how, demanded indignant school leaders in a discussion from the floor, could you properly tell a love story, especially this love story of Shakespeare's, without mentioning the Moon? Moonlight—why, everyone knew the world over that moonlight is associated with "love." Wasn't violence being done to Shakespeare?

"Shakespeare was kidding the stage of his day," defended Erik Barnouw of Columbia University, who wrote the script for the radio adaptation. "Pyramus and Thisbe" was a satire.

The howling of Wind, declared Mr Barnouw, fitted perfectly the buffoonery of the other players. You couldn't put Moon's lantern

MUCH ADO ABOUT THE MOON

on the radio. How could you bring Moon in? Besides, Wind made a beautiful sound—very horrible. Moon was colourless, by comparison.

A Moon defender jumped up. "Just let Moon say his lines. That would tell listeners enough."

Moon—love. Wind? Hmmpf. And so a vote was taken.

But after all—school administrators, superintendents, teachers have a good bit of small boy and girl in them still, as you shall see. "Wind" did make a lovely sound on the radio. He fairly made you shiver. And—in the voting "Wind" won.

The radio programme followed a stage presentation of "Pyramus and Thisbe," to show the changes needed to translate a play from the school stage to radio. "Pyramus and Thisbe" presented particularly difficult problems and for that reason Mr Barnouw chose it. He

wanted to show what could be done.

As Shakespeare had it, you'll remember, there was concern about "Lion's" roaring and frightening the Duke's ladies. On the radio, it was said, with good-natured fun in Shakespeare's own vein:

"Will not the children be afraid of the lion? I tell you the children will not sleep after hearing it."

"Well, we'll have an announcement, and the announcement will say it is not a lion."

At the end of the play, as the Duke started to leave, Bottom implored him to wait for the epilogue, and the Duke airily replied:

"Never listen to the very end of the programme. It is certain to contain some commercial announcements."

Faithful to the letter of the intent of the author, or faithful in catching the spirit of the author's intent and translating it in terms of the radio medium—those are the two schools of thought in adapting material for the radio, said Wynn Wright of the National Broadcasting company, who directed the play.

Well—Moon or Wind? Moon and Wind? It was fun anyway. Shakespeare would have liked it.



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The Hongkong Telegraph

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A WAR PROBLEM

THE wars in Europe and Asia are long affairs and before they are over the face of many things will be changed; the acceptance of facts now strange and unthinkable will have become commonplace. In Asia already the figures of the dead and wounded have climbed over the million mark since August, 1936. In Europe the corresponding figures are in their hundreds of thousands.

Both totals will grow and in their impersonal, colourless columns will be the names of people acknowledged to be great among us; the names of youngsters whose unlined lives fell before the dull brutality of bombs; the names of the aged whose sky-lighted passing must be fraught with frustration that an allotted span had not exceeded the age of carnage.

In point of fact the world faces a drastic curtailment of white peoples which will be particularly pointed because of the drain on males and the accentuation of unbalance produced by the first World War. These ravages will take generations to remedy. The position in Asia will scarcely be so acute because life has always been prolific and families to which millions have succumbed have had little permanent effect; women have suffered equally with men and concubinage has always been a means to balance a disproportionate number of females.

Although the Battle of Britain has taken a heavy toll of civilians it is a fair assumption that the manpower of all the belligerents will suffer greatest losses. Germany early saw the need of a greatly increased birth-rate and offered financial inducements to larger families. France followed suit and Italy soon took up the cry. Under the Nazi regime the financial prize was not sufficient and the Germans, almost officially, removed the halo from marriage, encouraged promiscuity among the young unmarried and bullied the lawfully wed into furnishing youngsters for the State. Japan is now looking askance at her own population and is seeking an average family of five. Britain's birthrate was the serious concern of the Government a few years ago when attention was drawn to the decline in population but Government never took the matter to the point of intrusion into the family life.

Evacuation of masses of populations, the enforced separation of husbands and wives fighting in distant lands and the prospects of a long war give these problems a keener note. It is possible that the "test tube" baby may again make its bow on the platform of public consideration. Experiments on human beings have shown that the theory can be put into practice and remain safe. To all but exceptional people the idea is repugnant and unnatural, but war has a way of breaking down these prejudices.

China's Fortunes On The Mend

— by —

O. M. GREEN

former Editor of the "North-China Daily News," writing in "The Listener."

THE war in China has suddenly entered on an extremely interesting phase. After a spring and summer of almost complete quiescence, the Chinese have taken the offensive in several directions and have scored notable successes. At the same time, there is much to suggest that the Japanese are finding their present position in China too great for their strength and are desperately trying to rectify it.

Let us look back a little. In the past twelve months Fate has dealt hardly with the Chinese. Just a year ago they lost Nanning, a key-point near the border of Indo-China. This meant the loss of a valuable road by which they had drawn supplies through the French Colony. Then the Japanese pushed up the Yangtse and seized Ichang at the foot of the mountain barrier through which the Great River passes, down the famous gorges. This gave them an air base within five hundred miles of Chungking, of which they have made merciless use to bomb the capital. Then came the French collapse, the Japanese control of northern Indo-China and the closure of the railway into South China; finally, the closing for three months of the Burma Road.

It is true that the Chinese had three times sharply defeated the Japanese when they tried to extend their grip. But this could not compensate them for the loss of their last direct communications with the sea.

China's fortunes seemed at their lowest ebb. Yet her people remained undaunted. Even before the Burma Road was reopened they had begun to hit back at their enemy with vicious force.

BOOT ON THE OTHER LEG

In central China around the Lower Yangtse, the fighting which began in late September spreads over so huge a field, probably not less than two hundred miles square, that I can only mention two points. One was the recapture of a town called Matang on the south bank of the Yangtse, the possession of which should enable the Chinese to worry Japan's shipping up and down the river considerably. The other is the defeat of a Japanese force at Shaohsing. It happens to be the most famous wine-growing district in China, but is chiefly interesting because it lies close to Hangchow Bay. It was the landing of a Japanese army in Hangchow Bay in October, 1937, which turned the Chinese flank at Shanghai and forced them to retreat. Now the boot is on the other leg.

Greatest triumph of all was the Chinese recapture of Nanning on October 29, after a week's hard fighting. The Japanese say they gave up Nanning voluntarily as their occupation of Northern Indo-China had made it useless to them. But this is highly improbable. The Chinese official reports are quite

explicit and experience all through the war has shown that such reports are generally trustworthy. The Japanese would be well aware of the tremendous moral effect which their abandonment of such a place as Nanning—even if it were done voluntarily—would have all through China. Also its possession opens the way to Lungchow, a port through which from Hongkong the Chinese did a lot of trade before they lost Nanning. They are reported already to have regained Lungchow.

The Chinese General commanding in these operations is Pai Chung-hai, the most brilliant of all the Chinese leaders. He is the idol of his troops, hardy mountaineers of Kwangsi, the province which borders Indo-China, men who can march incredible distances on the meagre rations. They are probably the most formidable soldiers in China.

THE BURMA ROAD

One word about the Burma Road. The Japanese claim to have cut it to pieces with bombs. The Chinese assert positively that traffic continues regularly along it without serious interruption. In this connection it is to be remembered that Japanese aviators never succeeded in interrupting railway services for more than two or three hours; and that during the fighting at Shanghai three years ago they never hit the motor road to Nanking, though it was right under their noses and abounds in bridges.

While there is no doubt about what happened at Nanning there are also distinct indications that the Japanese are preparing to shorten their alarmingly long lines elsewhere. The Chinese report that the extreme south of China is practically clear of them. They have withdrawn from Bias Bay near Hongkong. They are believed to be getting out of Swatow—some hundred and seventy-five miles north of Hongkong. They are reported to be reducing the garrison in Shanghai. And the Chinese think that they are also considering a withdrawal from Ichang, the place I mentioned a moment ago.

That part of China which the Japanese have invaded is two thousand miles long and in places eight hundred to one thousand miles deep. Scattered over this, they are estimated to have one million men, few enough to hold down so huge a territory, of which fully three-quarters behind and between the Japanese lines is still completely under the Chinese Government's control.

THE PRICE OF AGGRESSION

Besides her armies in China, Japan has to keep some three hundred thousand men in Manchuria, and at least as many, probably some thousands more, in Korea, Formosa and Japan itself. Her losses in the war, killed, died of disease and disabled, are estimated by neutral observers at about three-quarters of a million.

Here is another important fact. The Japanese Ministry of Welfare recently drew serious attention to the fact that out of two million seven hundred thousand youths between the age of fifteen and twenty-five when medically examined, only twenty-seven per cent. passed the tests, owing to the low standard of living in Japan. Yet the Japanese Military Propaganda Department is urging the people to make still greater sacrifices and to cut down their eating, particularly of rice, their staple diet.

With these figures before one, one may well conclude that Japan is feeling the strain on

her man-power, especially as it is known that her industries are feeling the want of labour. At the same time, it is clear that her foreign policy is causing her no little perplexity. The signature of the Three Power Pact is not working out at all as its authors expected, partly owing to Great Britain's refusal to be crushed by Hitler, partly owing to America's pugnacious reactions. The evacuation of Americans from Japan, and many also from China, has made the Japanese public so uneasy that Mr. Matsuo, the Foreign Minister, was recently driven to issue a statement saying that he cannot conceive what has induced America to take such steps as the situation in the Far East has not in any way been changed by the Three Power Pact.

THE SOUTHWARD MOVEMENT

Another factor is to be considered. The ease with which Japan has established herself in Indo-China has converted many Japanese leaders to what the Navy has always preached, namely that Japan's destiny lies on the sea and in Southern Asia. This certainly begins to look more attractive than the Army's prolonged and expensive failure to crush General Chiang Kai-shek. There is no lack of close observers who believe that Japan is planning to pull in her horns as far as she can without loss of material interests in China, in order to launch out on new schemes of spoliation in Indo-China and other possible regions.

Be that as it may, she certainly has excellent reasons for trying to reduce her commitments in China. It has often been pointed out that she never ought to have allowed herself to launch out from the five northern provinces, which she easily overran in the first two months of the war. They are stuffed with the things she needs—coal, iron, cotton, etc. The lie next to Manchuria, her own ground, and have for the most part a natural frontier on the south and west, easily defended, the Yellow River. China could never have evicted her. Instead, the Japanese Generals allowed themselves to be led on all over China by insane ambitions of conquest and illusory dreams of a new order in East Asia, and now the problem is to trim the cloth of their tattered garment to a more wearable pattern.

CHINA IS CONFIDENT

But will that be easy? The Chinese have already a regular army of two-and-a-half millions. Their estimated available manpower is twenty-three millions. They also have at least one million guerrillas. The guerrillas are indifferently armed, it is true, but they are so agile that it is impossible to pin them down to pitched battle, and they are invaluable in harrying the Japanese from behind, cutting off their supplies—most of the guerrillas, by the way, are armed with Japanese weapons—and they are making a mess of the Japanese communications.

Wherever the Japanese may try to shorten their lines, the Chinese will be at them like hornets. As is well known, there is nothing more difficult in warfare than a rearguard action, and the Japanese would have to fight not one but fifty of these without enough men to concentrate efficiently at any point against the swarms of Chinese attackers.

Bismarck, I believe, once said that there were a hundred ways of getting into England, but only one of getting out. I do not for a moment imagine that the Japanese even begin to think of getting out of China. Nor do the Chinese, who frankly admit that they have still a long struggle and possibly many disappointments yet to face. But they are perfectly confident, and more and more foreigners agree with them, that sooner or later the Japanese, who plunged into China so easily, will realise that to get out again is a very different matter.

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

Getting Into HOT WATER

From the diary of a journalist who is now a soldier.

"GET ready for a bath," said the Sergeant. "Get your towels and your soap." "Don't let me catch nobody trying to duck out of it, or so help me I'll come and get him if he's in the middle of a shoe-shine, shave or a haircut, and run him into the cooler so fast his feet won't touch the ground!" "Come on there! Get out of it! Towels under your arms! Cleanliness is next to godliness, and therefore compulsory!" The Lad from the Elephant and Castle asked if the water was hot. "Is the water hot?" said the Sergeant, with dreadful scorn. "Yes, the water is hot." "And I'm going to wash your little back, I am, and rub you with eau de ruddy Cologne, and dust your little tummy with violet powder." "Get cracking! Is the water hot? What is this Army coming to?"

The bath-house is long and severe, scoured by fatigue-men to a naked purity. It is made up of cubicles. In each cubicle there is a shower, with an indicator marked "Cold—Tepid—Hot—Off."

Turn it to "Cold," and, sure enough, cold water comes out. Turn it to "Tepid," and cold water still comes out. Try "Hot," and the rose of the shower goes off like Old Reliable, the Great Geyser, in an awful fit of explosion of boiling water and super-heated steam.

Somewhere between "Hot" and "Tepid" there is a point at which nice warm water can be got. But this is a delicate thing to achieve. Getting it is like balancing a D'you want celluloid ducks to play feather on the end of your nose—you can't do it unless you are born with the knack.

The Yorkshireman says, "Eh, I'm starved!"

The Good Boy from Godalming uses the first naughty word of his Army career and adds, "I'm boiled!"

A thick steam rises, impregnated with the smell of a dozen kinds of soap, from the good old biting red carbolic to the scented stuff that film stars use.

There is a sound of slapping. Then—inevitably—somebody starts to sing. It is the Kid from Widnes, with his everlasting "Trees." I don't know why a man bursts into song as soon as he gets into warm water.

The Ingletton Grocer lets out a few bars of "On Ilkley Moor Baht 'At," and the Tall Boy from Sunderland retallies with a couple of bursts of the Volga Boat Song.

Then the Sergeant raises his voice. The howitzer roars against the popguns: "Outside! Out of it! You great babies! I have to chase you in, and then I have to chase you out! Come on!"

As the noise subsides, I hear him remarking to a corporal: "It's funny to see the change. When they first come, they're like shy little girls. They stand just like the bird in that picture 'September Morn'."

"But now, they're at their ease. They forget how they use to need nonsense out of you."

"It makes the rookies get together. 'Come on, come on, come ON! Get out of them showers, you sissies, and get dressed!'"

COMMONS & FAR EAST SHIPPING

Questions Answered

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—A laconic "Yes" was Mr R. A. Butler's answer to the question whether the situation of the British concession in Tientsin was now satisfactory and whether Britons were able to pass unhindered between the Concession and the adjacent occupied territory.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne asked whether British shipping was now allowed access on the Pearl River to Canton.

Mr Butler said that there was a weekly service. Difficulties had arisen in connection with quarantine regulations and pilotage fees but they were under negotiation.

Capt. Alan Graham asked what Japanese restrictions were placed on exports and imports of the occupied parts of China and to what extent such restrictions affected British trade.

Mr Butler said that Mr Eden, the Foreign Minister, was calling for a report on the latest situation as it affected British shipping facilities in North China. A report was also called for on the subject of British shipping in inland waterways other than the Yangtze.

British West Indies

Leasing Of Bases

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The Governor of Trinidad (Sir Hubert Young) and the Governor of the Leeward Islands (Sir Gordon Leithen), accompanied by Sir Lennor O'Reilly of Trinidad, took off for Lisbon in the Clipper to-day en route to London to participate in talks connected with the leasing of air and naval bases in the British West Indies to the United States.

Talking to journalists, all three emphasised the importance of "hemisphere defence" for the security of the nations of the Americas.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,405 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	70 n.
Chartered	85 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	23 n.
Mercantile, C.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	70 n.

INSURANCES	
Cantons	210 b.
Unions	410 b.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	165 b.

SHIPPING	
Douglas	135 n.
Steamboats	11 n.
Indo-China P.	100 n.
Indo-China D.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	44/6 n.
Waterbonts	7 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	98 n.
Docks (old)	18 n.
Providents	17 1/2 n.
Shal Dockyards	34 n.

MINING	
Kallian s/-	18 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS	
Hotel	3.60 s.
Land 4% Debentures	34 1/2 n.
Shal Lands Sh.	13.70 n.
Humphreys	7.95 n.
Chinese Estates	98 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams	18.40 n.
Peak Trams (old)	7 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new)	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	0.4 s.
Y. Ferries	24 1/2 n.

INDUSTRIALS	
China Lights (old)	6.30 b. & 2 s.
H.K. Electric (new)	1.07 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (old)	40 b.
Macao Electric (new)	1.03 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	11 1/2 n.
Telephones (old)	25 1/2 n.
Telephones (new)	10.20 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	40 n.
Shal Cotton Sh.	205 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 4%	97 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	92 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	92 1/2 n.
Ch Govt. 5% 1925 GSds.	42 1/2 n.
H.K. Entertainments	7 b.
Constructions (old)	1.02 b.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	7.70 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	7/6 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/6 n.

Women Must Enrol For Industry

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Compulsory registration of women for essential industries throughout Britain is to be enforced soon, "Reuters" political correspondent learns.

This will enable the Ministry of Labour to call upon women who are not engaged in industry to take their place in the industrial ranks.

Registration will be general and without distinction but it is likely that single women will be called up first and married women later if the need arises.

The age registration is expected to be 20 upwards.

There will be provision for cases of hardship and it is intended that as far as possible women shall be placed at work as near their homes as possible.

At the same time the Government is making exhaustive examination of the present schedule of reserved occupations for men with the object of realising for military service all whose work is not absolutely essential.

Mr Bevin's Scheme

LONDON, Jan. 29 (UP).—Mr Ernest Bevin, the Minister of Labour and National Service, disclosed to the press to-day that he is drafting orders and rules for a vast speed-up of the industrial programme, envisaging the ultimate registration of millions of workers for industry.

Mr Bevin appealed to various consultants to bring forward programmes to accelerate output and the provision of man-power which would be utilized wherever practical.

East African Campaign

Unhappy Settlers In Ethiopia

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—It is now revealed that an Italian division which is doing so well in Eritrea was sent to the Sudan after taking part in the capture of Sidi Barrani. Owing to the unavoidable movement of these troops, the Italian forces at Kassala had time to execute a strategic withdrawal and to escape the pincer movement that closed behind them.

British authorities are concerned with the fate of 200,000 Italian settlers in Abyssinia who are menaced by the growing tide of the patriot movement. It is gathered that many are being concentrated at places like the capital where there would be no room for them.

The problem of food supply is sure to arise sooner or later even if any number enter Djibouti.

Free French Raid On Italian-Held Oases

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The recent raid into Italian Libya by the Free French forces is the subject of a communique issued by General de Gaulle's headquarters in London.

The communique states: "In the course of January, elements of our troops in Chad, acting under the command of General de Lammont, carried out a deep raid into Libya in the region of Fezzan. Our troops reached and destroyed the base at Murzuk and carried the enemy into Ghat, inflicting on the enemy serious losses in men and material. Several Italian planes were destroyed on the ground."

The communique adds that General de Gaulle has conferred the Cross de l'Ordre de la Liberation posthumously upon Lieut-Col Dornano, commander of the detachment, who was killed at Murzuk.

Wall Street was irregular.

Industrialists encountered some provincial selling and home calls tended to be easier, but oils were firm and there was further speculative enquiry in European bonds, notably Belgian four per cent.

Stock Exchange

ENQUIRY FOR BELGIAN BONDS

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was generally quiet and irregular. Gilt-edged holdings drifted down slightly after early firmness but closed steady.



VACATION BOUND—Edward J. Flynn, Democratic National Chairman, who conducted the successful campaign for President Roosevelt after the resignation of Jim Farley, leaves for a vacation with his wife after the election.

Women Demonstrate Before Mr Willkie

Food Coupon Protest

LONDON, Jan. 29 (UP).—Sixty women, carrying banners and protesting against the Government's food policy, demonstrated in the lobby of the Savoy Hotel just before the arrival of Mr Wendell Willkie for luncheon.

The women chanted, "More food for workers." Mr Willkie passed the demonstrators with hardly a sideways glance. They were finally ejected, some of them bodily.

The protests referred to the Government's policy of not requiring patrons of restaurants to give up coupons, while the poor were not able to dine in restaurants and were able only to buy a coupon's worth of rationed food at the butchers and grocers.

Willkie's Busy Day

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—After dining with the entire British Cabinet last night at a reception given by the Minister for Aircraft Production (Lord Beaverbrook), Mr Wendell Willkie started the third day of his whirlwind inspection of London at war with undiminished energy.

The first morning meeting was with Sir Andrew Duncan, Minister of Supply, who is responsible for Britain's war production. After this he dashed back to his hotel to deal with a mass of correspondence, also squeezing in a long talk with Professor Laszlo, one of the Labour Party's leading brains "behind the scenes."

The high spot of the day was Mr Willkie's arrival at a meeting of the Trades Union Congress General Council, who were discussing the Government's manpower mobilisation scheme. Sitting by the side of the T.U.C. Chairman (Mr Gibson), Mr Willkie listened in to the discussion.

A Grand Banquet

"They are a grand bunch of fellows—very intelligent and alert. I found myself in complete agreement with their aspirations and purposes," he said afterwards.

Luncheon was at the Savoy Hotel with Sir Robert Kilgley, Britain's war-saving propaganda chief, and a party of big businessmen.

A party of fur-coated and smartly dressed women who attempted to stage a Communist interruption were rapidly evicted almost before Mr Willkie arrived.

Later Mr Willkie visited Polish Headquarters, meeting General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister. "My sympathies are 100 per cent. with the Polish people," he said on leaving to return to his hotel where he had an interview with the Chinese Ambassador.

Mr Willkie is using all ration cards and police permits which foreign visitors to this country are obliged to have. They have been given him at his own request as he is anxious not to receive unwarranted privileges.

The proposed visit to Erie is not yet definitely fixed.

Rim of Freedom

LONDON, Jan. 29 (UP).—Mr Wendell Willkie had a 15-minute chat with the Chinese Ambassador, Mr Quo Tai-chi to-day and later said: "I have always regarded China as the rim of freedom, and will try to do as much as I can to help them."

Japanese Bombs Wound Consul

HANOI, Jan. 29 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Japanese planes from an Indo-China base last Tuesday bombed Lungchow on the Kwangsi border and caused damage to the French Mission Consulate which was flying French flags, wounding the new French Consul, Mr J. Camely and a French priest, both of whom had to be sent to hospital at Langson.

Kunming Raided

KUNMING, Jan. 29 (UP).—Twenty Japanese heavy bombers, in two sections, devastated several of the poorer residential districts on the west side of Kunming at 2.30 p.m. to-day. Copper-smith shops, wood turners, coffin makers were heavily hit. Bodies are lying around headless and without limbs, with relatives standing by tearfully mourning.

Full Value from U.S.A. Securities

Treasury Statement

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The forthcoming visit of Sir Edward Peacock to America—to examine the possibilities of investments, such as businesses in the United States, is announced in a Treasury statement.

The statement says: "In the light of the material already shipped and contemplated by the United States, it may now be freely published that His Majesty's Government have realised and disposed of a very great proportion of their gold holdings and are steadily selling American securities owned by their nationals at every opportunity."

More Difficult Problem

"A more difficult problem is presented by investments such as businesses in the United States and United States companies controlled by companies in this country, whose shares are not quoted on the Stock Exchange. His Majesty's Government are resolved to make the best possible use of these investments and they have decided to ask Sir Edward Peacock, who has great experience in such matters, to go to the United States and examine the possibilities on the spot. He will reach America very shortly."

C. M. S. Annual Conference

The annual conference of the Church Missionary Society was held at St Andrew's Church yesterday, when reports in the medical relief work in Chungshan and the Leprosy Settlement in Pakhol were presented.

The report on the Leprosy Settlement in Pakhol, which was submitted by Major H. L. Wright, showed that the total number of inmates there and in leper villages homes at the end of 1940 was 181. Owing to the difficulty of getting supplies, the allowance of rice had to be reduced while the injection of Hydnocarpus oil had to be limited.

The Rt Rev. Bishop R. O. Hall presided, and others present at the Conference were: Dean F. L. Wilson, Rev. and Mrs H. A. Wittenbach, Rev. Chung Yan-yung (Calcutta), Rev. and Mrs E. W. L. Martin, Miss J. R. Taylor (Secretary of the Refugee Social Welfare Council), Miss M. A. Jennings (Tulpo Rural Orphanage), Miss Atkins, Rev. F. R. Myhill, Mr E. C. Stewart, Mrs E. M. Updell, Mr J. A. Gaunt, Mr A. E. Job, Miss Williamson, Miss M. Lush, Miss Buckland, Miss W. I. Griffin, Miss K. Langford, Miss B. Pope, Miss N. Dillon, Miss E. K. Saunders and Miss S. L. Hollis.

America's Good Trade Year

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (UP).—The Department of Commerce announced that United States exports in 1940 totalled \$4,022,000,000—the largest since 1929. General imports were \$2,625,000,000 which were 13 per cent. above 1939 and 5 per cent. above the 1936-1938 average.

The exports balance for the year aggregated \$1,400,000,000, which was the largest since 1921. Exports of farm products totalled \$517,000,000 the lowest since 1929 because after the war the markets in continental Europe ceased to exist.

HITLER-PETAINE

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Hitler and Petain may meet again shortly, according to the Ankara radio, which declared to-night that there were "certain persistent reports" suggesting such a move.

Banishee's Novel Offer To Court Of Appeal

"If I get back my property I am willing to give one third of its value to the British War Fund," said a convicted banishee at the Supreme Court this morning, when he brought an appeal against sentence before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

He was Cheung Kwok-hing, and his appeal was against sentence of one year's hard labour imposed on him by Mr G. T. Lowry, Magistrate, on September 14 for returning to the Colony after having been banished for life.

Cheung told His Lordship that it was not his intention to return to the Colony. He was caught by the Japanese at Po On where he was forced on board a junk and landed at Lau Fau Shan, British Territory, together with 41 other persons.

His Lordship: Did you at once report to the authorities about it? No, because I didn't know I had to do that.

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19 Delegates Open Armistice Talks Without Result

Special to the "Telegraph"

SAIGON, Jan. 29 (UP).—It is officially announced that seven Japanese, six French and six Thailand delegates conferred for 30 minutes to-day beginning at 6 p.m. aboard the Japanese cruiser Natori, using the Japanese language through translators.

However, nothing was accomplished although the conclusion of the armistice talks is expected on Thursday.

While the negotiations were going on, Japanese planes from a Japanese aircraft-carrier attached to the squadron cruising off Cape Saint Jacques could be seen flying around and a French official said that the French had permitted the Japanese to carry out training flights.

He made no statement when questioned regarding the reports that the Japanese had asked for permission to fortify Camranh Bay and to use the airfield at Saigon.

M. George Gautier, leader of the French delegation said that the French troops along the border had not fired a single shot since 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Fighting Persists

TOKYO, Jan. 29. (Domei).—Fighting between French and Thai troops is still continuing, despite yesterday's orders to cease firing, reports Sennouke Kudo, "Domei" staff correspondent at Bangkok, by radio-telephone this morning.

The correspondent said that although it was not known which side started, both forces commenced fighting at 10.15 on the morning of January 28 and a fierce battle continued for four hours. The Thai troops which were encircling Sisophon were gaining the upper hand, the correspondent said.

At the armistice conference, Thailand is expected to present for the demands made on September 15, last year, that France return the former Thai islands on the Mekong River and the territory along the eastern bank of the Mekong River between Luangphrabang and Pakse.

Although the return of the Cambodian area is also desired by Thailand, it is not expected that this will be pressed immediately.

"BUY A BOND" CAMPAIGN

Mr Morgenthau's Plan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (UP).—The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, testifying before the House Ways and Means Committee to-day, revealed plans for a "Buy a Bond" campaign, resembling the Liberty Loan drives during the last war, to help finance the defence programme.

He asserted that on January 1, the Treasury Department had \$307,000,000 of unused borrowing authority and also \$2,704,000,000 under a special authority with which to borrow \$4,000,000,000 for defence. This would give the Treasury Department a borrowing authority sufficient only for four months, and "even in that period we would be greatly restricted."

He predicted that the combined 1941-42 fiscal deficit would be about \$15,000,000,000.

"Bevin Boys"

NEW DELHI, Jan. 29 (Reuters).—Mr M. S. A. Hyndal, Secretary of the Labour Department, has been appointed by the Government of India to be its representative on the Eastern Group Supply Council.

The first batch of "Bevin Boys" have been selected from artisans employed in Indian factories for training in the United Kingdom under the Bevin scheme. Aged 18 to 35 they include electricians, fitters and blacksmiths from all classes, all over India and they are described as the advance guard of India's industrial army.

Keeping Nazis In Holland

Forced Loan Prepared

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuters).—The threat of a forced loan to meet the cost of the German Army of Occupation in the Netherlands is made in the prospectus of 500,000,000 guilder four per cent. ten year loan to which the Dutch are being asked to subscribe in order to finance the increased state expenditure, due to the fact that the Army of Occupation costs the Dutch people millions of guilders a week.

According to news received in Dutch circles in London, the prospectus threatens that in case of non-subscription a compulsory 40 year annuity-levy at 2½ per cent. will be enforced.

Pension For Gen. Hertzog

CAPETOWN, Jan. 29 (Reuters).—The ex-Premier, General Hertzog, who recently resigned from Parliament will receive an annual pension of £2,000 under a special bill introduced into Parliament amid cheers from all parts of the House.

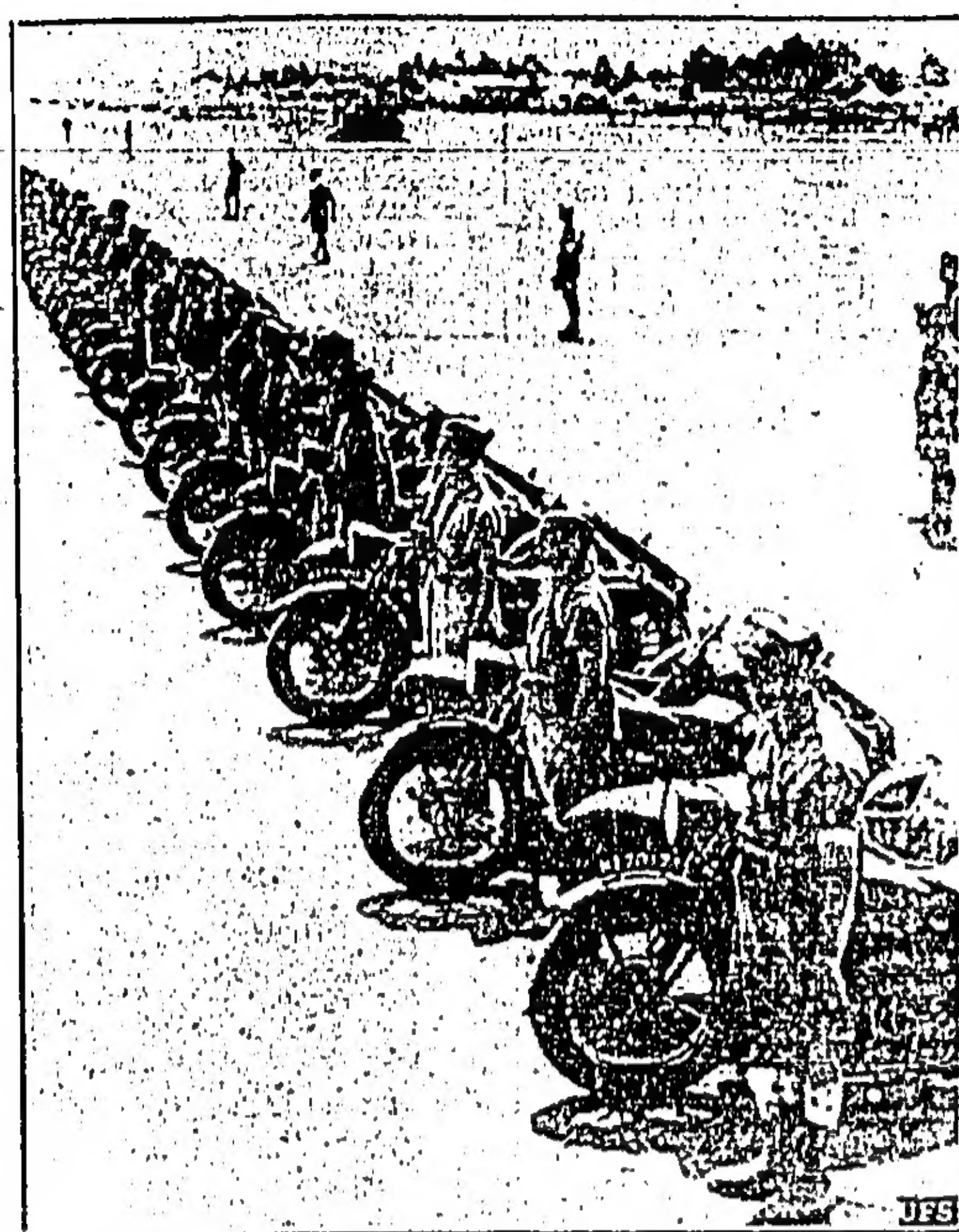
General Hertzog who is the first Union Premier to receive a pension, had an unbroken spell of over thirty years of Parliamentary life beginning with the birth of the Union.

Ian Hay Resigns

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuters).—The War Office announces that Major-General Ian Hay, the well-known novelist, has resigned his appointment as Director of Public Relations in the War Office.

Captain David Morgeson has accepted the resignation with great regret and has expressed his appreciation of Major-General Hay's great services to the Army. He has appointed Colonel Walter Elliott to succeed him.

By Ernie Bushmiller



POLES IN EGYPT—These are members of the Polish motor scouting unit serving with the British in Egypt, as might be expected from their garb. They are eager fighters.

Calling Up More Men For Military Service

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Jan. 29 (UP).—His Majesty King George at the Privy Council in Buckingham Palace to-day signed a proclamation in which men of 18 and 19 years of age and between 37 and 40 inclusive will become liable to military service.

The first register will be for those of 19 years of age which will open on February 2.

The Ministry of Labour states that consideration is being given to the exemption of all medical and dental students. University students are already subject to exemption upon entering a university.

The Ministry said that the schedule of reserved occupations was being amended, exemption depending to an

increasing extent upon actual work rather than age and occupation. Authoritative circles believe that eventually no man will be permitted to do any work a woman can do.

Victory First Is Greek Watchword

ATHENS, Jan. 29 (Reuters).—"Victory First" is the watchword of the new Greek Government set forth in a proclamation issued to-night.

The proclamation affirms the certainty that the fight will be carried to a victorious end and declares that the Government, at the desire of the King, "takes up the heavy heritage of continuing the magnificent work of the man who has gone."

Tribute To Metaxas

ATHENS, Jan. 29 (Reuters).—A tribute to General John Metaxas as one of the "illustrious figures of Greek history" is paid by King George in a message to the Greek nation.

"With the aid of God," says the King, "Greece will live and triumph—worthy of our great ancestors, worthy of our heroes and martyrs."

Hitler To Speak

BERLIN, Jan. 29 (UP).—The morning German newspapers carry headlines to the effect that Hitler will make a radio speech to the nation at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday with a "message for the German people."

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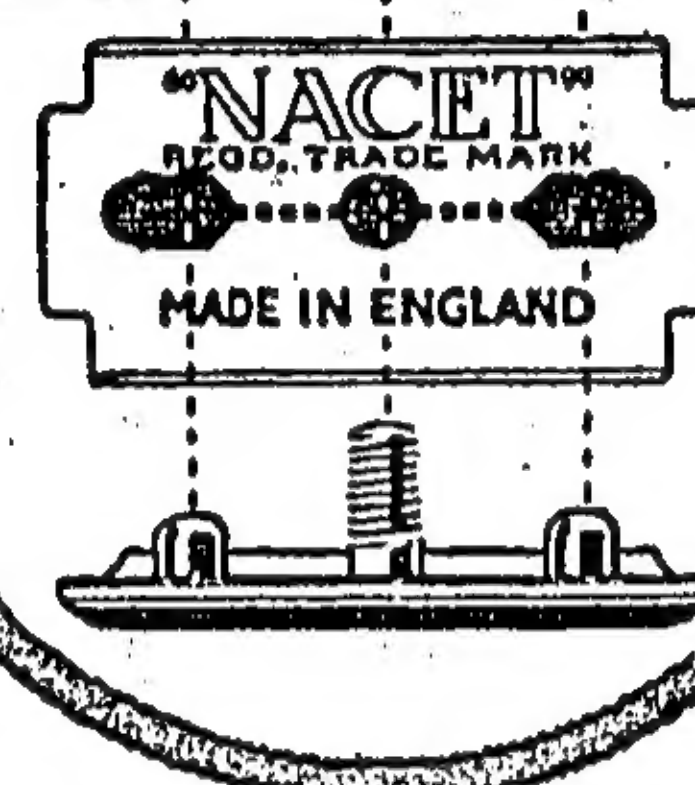
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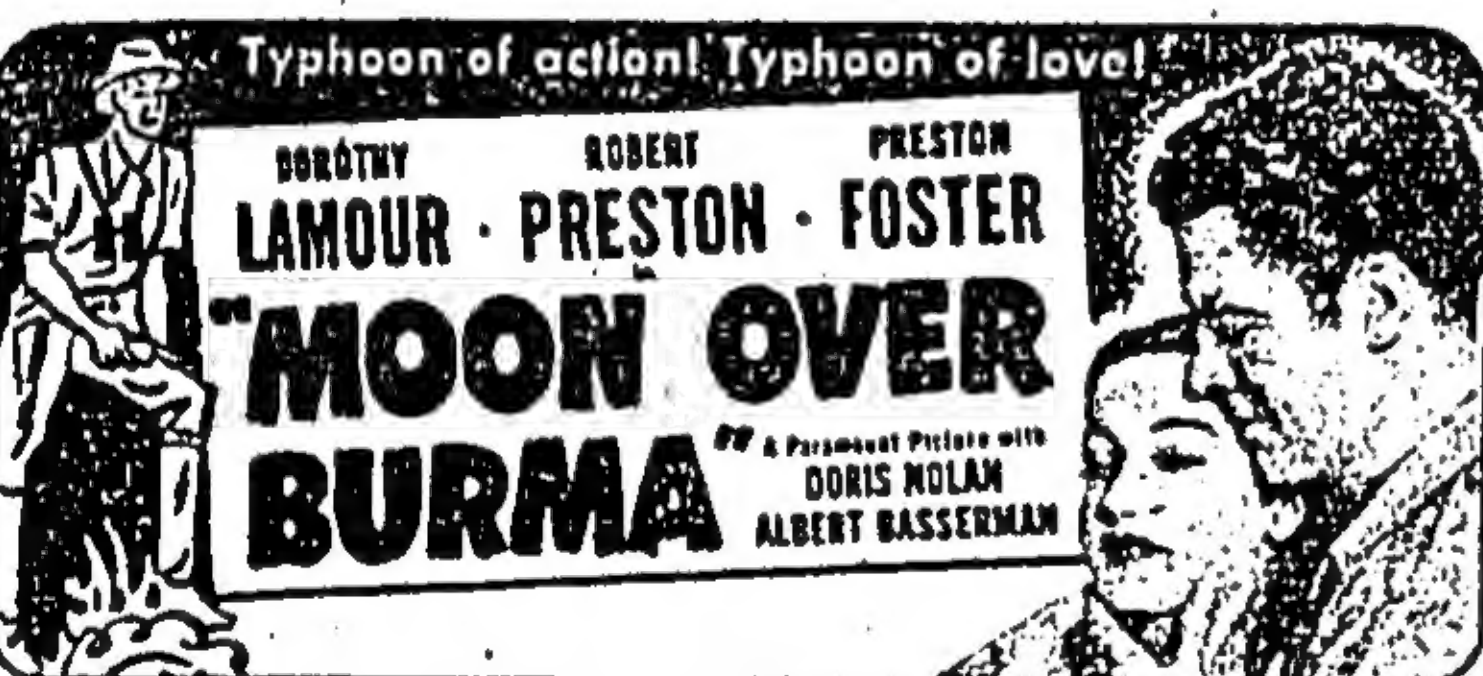
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JAPAN AND THE EAST INDIES

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reach an agreement in order to avoid the worst.

"Strong Determination"
So far as interference by a third Power was concerned, the Foreign Minister said that Japan would show her "strong determination."

Answering Mr. Jiji Kawai, Mr. Matsuo declared: "My statements so far regarding Japanese-American relations have been based on past happenings. Perhaps my statements sounded too pessimistic, but there is no such word as 'hopeless' in a diplomat's dictionary."

He added that because of this he had sent Ambassador Nomura to emphasize to President Roosevelt and the people of the United States "what a catastrophe it would be to humanity for America to enter into war."

Responding to another interpellation on questions relative to the Soviets, Mr. Matsuo admitted that it was difficult to adjust relation with the Soviets "overnight," but added that he intended to continue his negotiations "without too much haste," and rather waiting for a favourable international situation.

However, the Foreign Minister expressed optimism, based on the Russian offer to establish a Fisheries Commission as well as the settlement of "other important issues."

Demand To Britain

TOKYO, Jan. 30 (Reuters).—A demand that Britain, United States and Soviet Russia cease aiding China was reiterated by Mr. Yosuke Matsuo, the Japanese Foreign Minister, replying to interpellations in the Lower House.

Mr. Matsuo said that before he became Foreign Minister, he felt that the best way was to use diplomatic means for this purpose, but he found the position very aggravated. He had not, however, given up what faint hopes remained in inducing Britain and America to change their policy, but at the same time Japan would fight General Chiang Kai-shek to the last with unshakable determination.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued yesterday, says: Most of the operators being absent from the market, the morning's session was unduly quiet.

Buyers

Canton Ins. \$210
Union Ins. \$407.50
H.K. Fire Ins. \$105
Hotels \$3.50
Electric "O" \$40
Telephones "O" \$25.25
Entertainments \$7
Constructions "O" \$1.60

Sellers

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Ropes \$8.35
Vibro Piling \$7.70
Hotels \$3.55
Lights "O" \$6.30

LATE NEWS

Night Raids On London Start Again

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on them, extinguishing all within ten minutes.

Raiders Turned Back

The raiders appeared to approach London in fairly large formations many of which were turned back or scattered by a lustrous barrage and only a few flew over London itself. The drone of the engines was heard intermittently, accompanied by the rear of the ground defences marking their progress across the city.

Despite lively periods, the attack was not impressive compared with the all-night raids to which Londoners are accustomed, and it is believed the damage and casualties are light.

Scattered raids were simultaneously reported from the provinces but none were heavy. Two bombs fell on a southern coast town and demolished several houses with some casualties.

Italian Airports Bombed

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ed a number of enemy aircraft and several were damaged. An important railway bridge and railway junction west of Keren, Eritrea, was successfully attacked.

Support To Troops

"General air support was given our troops in their offensive in the Agordat area."

"Aircraft of the South African air force on January 27, carried out raids in the Moyale area and many high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped. The result was not observed owing to the weather conditions."

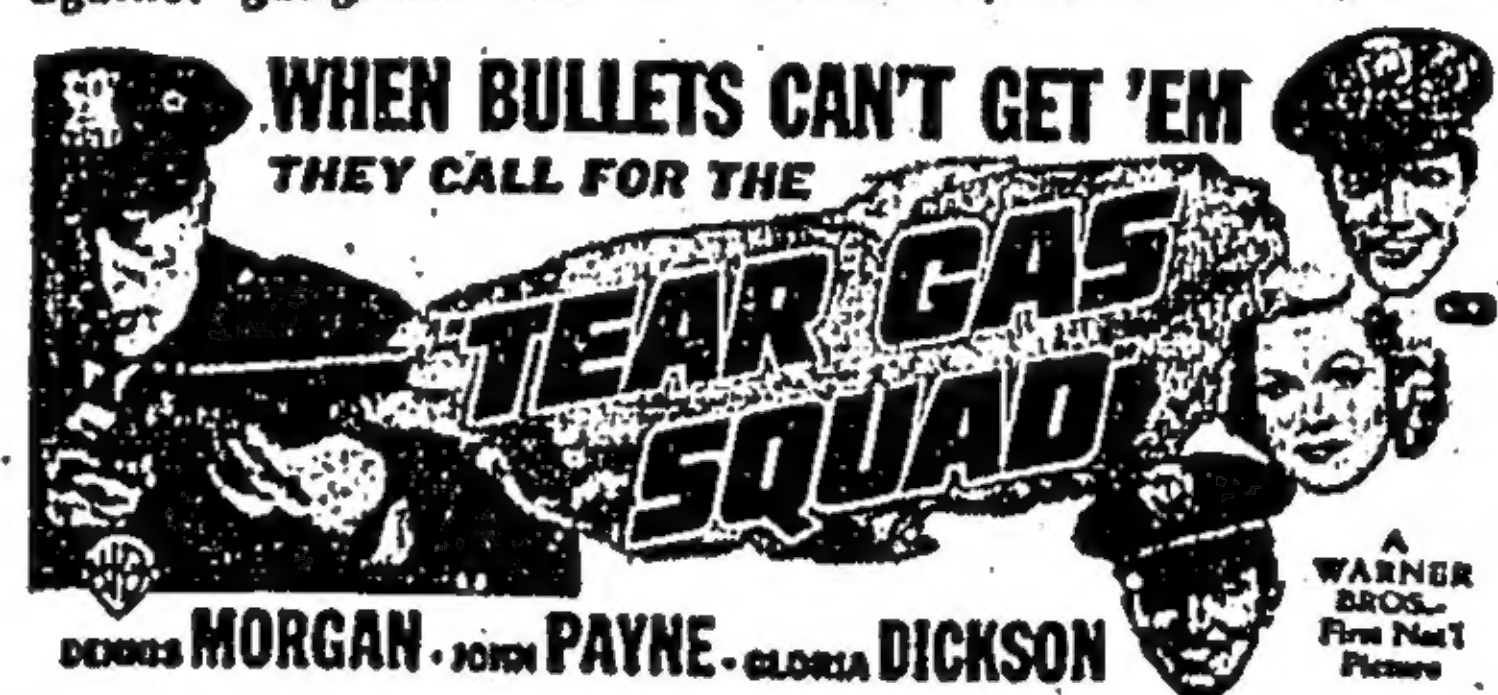
"Reconnaissance flights were made on all fronts."

"From all operations our aircraft returned safely. In the communiqué on January 27 it was stated that one of our fighters operating in Libya was missing. It is now known that the pilot of this machine made a successful parachute descent and was subsequently found with only minor injuries."

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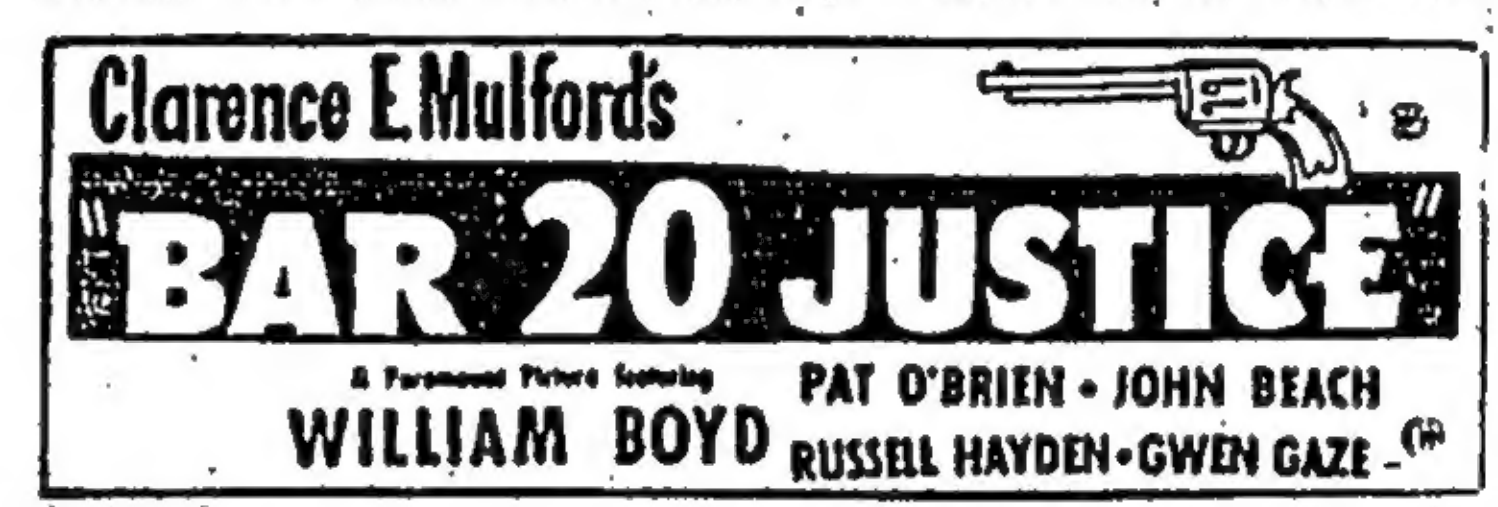
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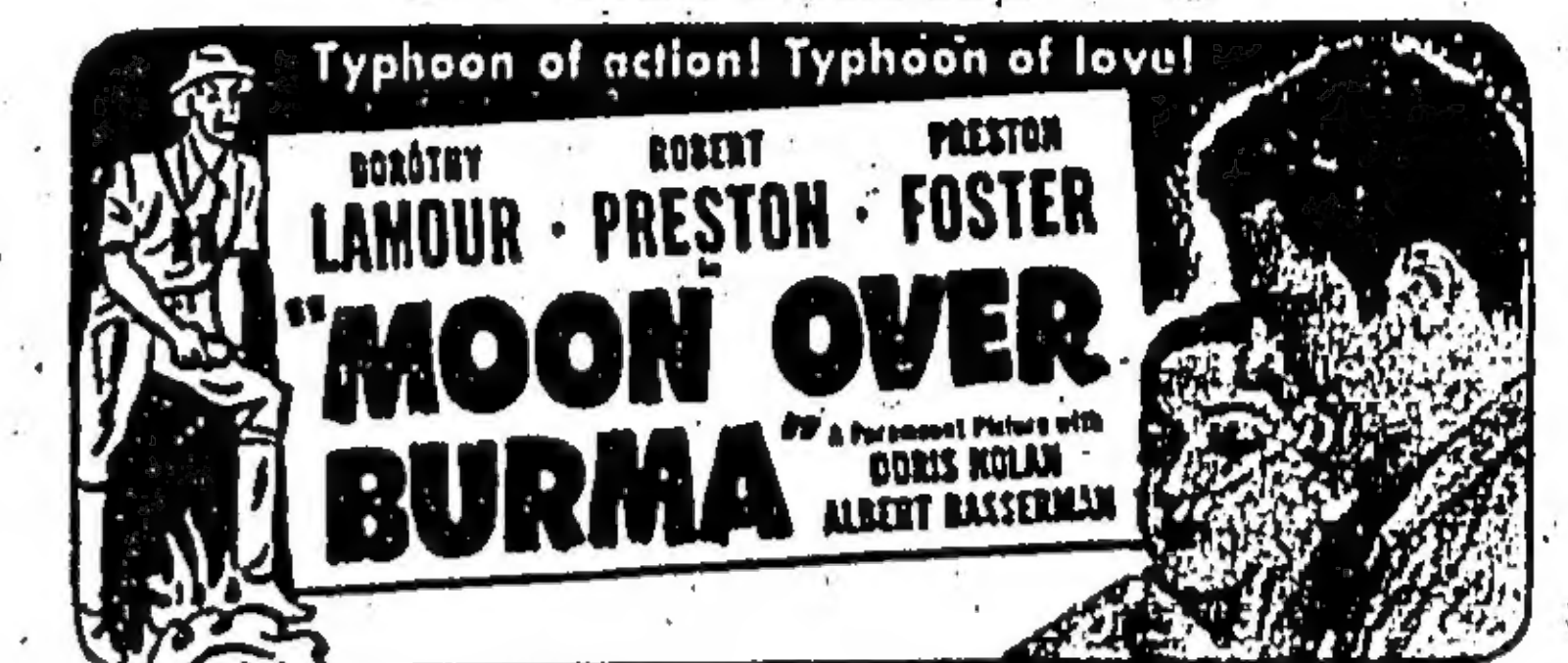
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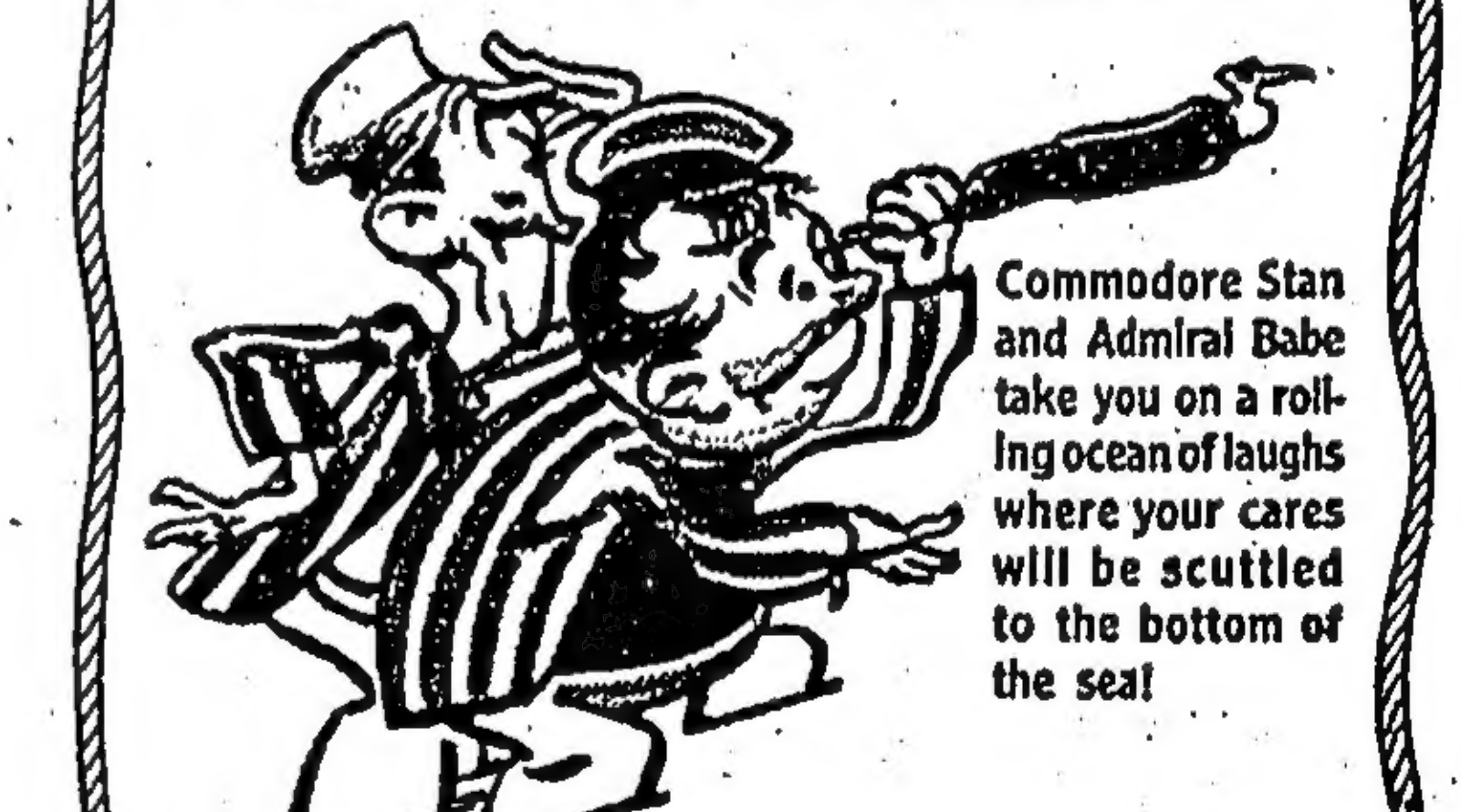
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